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IMPROVED PROSPECTS.

Merchants' Welcome To The Kwangsi Troops.

INDICATIONS OF CO-OPERATION BY CHIANG KAI-SHEK FACTION.

Two factors in the return of the Kwangsi army to Canton—after an absence of less than two months—are important because they both point to improved prospects before China New Year with probably benevolent influence on trade.

For the first time in a good many years, the merchants assigned to themselves the duty of formally welcoming the Kwangsi faction. This action on their part is tantamount to an expression of approval of the faction's policy.

The other factor is political. With the Ironsides out of Canton, the Kwangsi faction may have had to contend with opposition from Chiang Kai-shek's faction. There are now indications that this latter faction will co-operate with Kwangsi.

GENERALS STILL ABSENT.

Until yesterday evening, only about a thousand Kwangsi troops had entered Canton.

General Wong Shu-hung, one of the big four of the Kwangsi faction, is remaining at Samshui (on the West River), 40 miles west of Canton. It will be recalled that he was in charge of Canton, after General Li Chai-sum had gone to Shanghai, when the Ironsides brought off a coup.

There is no news that General Li Chai-sum has started to return from Shanghai. General Wong Shu-hung is expected in Canton to-morrow, after which his colleague, Li Chai-sum, may leave Shanghai.

Support For Chiang Kai-shek. Although public opinion is generally in favour of the Kwangsi faction, with Generals Li Chai-sum and Wong Shu-hung as heads of the Government, there have been contenders other than the Ironsides.

A comparatively small army has hovered for some weeks on the Fukien frontier, "friendly" to both the Kwangsi faction and to the Ironsides, but supporting Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The commander of this force is General Chen Min-chu. The fact that he is going to Canton from Swatow must be taken to mean harmony between him and the Kwangsi leaders.

Outlook For Ironsides. Alliance between General Chen Min-chu and the Kwangsi leaders will add strength to the Kwangsi garrison at Swatow.

Between Swatow and Canton is the East River basin, which is held by the 20,000 Ironsides who gave up Canton without a fight.

With foes on either side, the Ironsides may soon trek northward. Their departure will mean the removal of the factor most likely to be at war against the Kwangsi faction which she just retreated.

Possibly, the Ironsides may stay on the East River as long as they can; that is, until they are forced by the Kwangsi faction to retreat.

The Other Armies.

Other armies in or near Canton at the moment are the Papersides under General Li Fook-lum who holds Honam, opposite the city; the Yunnanese mercenaries along the North River; the former cadets near the northern frontier of the province; and the so-called "new 2nd division" under Lt. Gen. Hsieh Yo, who deserted the Kwangsi faction in the last crisis and joined the Ironsides.

The last-named corps is with the Ironsides on the East River. The ex-cadets remain at their posts and are taking no interest in the provincial capital. And the Papersides and mercenaries appear to have reconciled themselves to the inevitable.

Temptation For Mercenaries. General Li Fook-lum, the Papersides' chief, came down to Hong Kong. Before the Kwangsi troops approached Canton, he withdrew all his men in the city to his own domain across the river. The Kwangsi troops have strict orders to leave Honam alone, and it appears that Li Fook-lum will co-operate with the Kwangsi leaders again, although he turned against them last month.

YANG SEN.

Meets Nationalists' Representative.

MORE REDS ARRESTED.

Defence Commissioner At Kiukiang Active.

Ichang, Yesterday.

A representative of the Nationalist Government of Nanking (which also holds sway at Hankow) has arrived here and interviewed General Yang Sen, who now appears to be more closely allied to the Nationalists than at any time before.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Yang Sen has fought for and against the Nationalists several times within the last year or two. This time he came down from the hills in response to a request by Nanking to attack the Hankow Government, which soon fell. Ichang is 370 miles above Hankow and Hankow is 394 miles above Nanking.]

RAID ON REDS.

Many Communists Arrested at Kiukiang.

Kiukiang, Yesterday. The Defence Commissioner who is in charge here (in the interests of the Nationalist Government of Nanking) has made numerous arrests of Communists.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Kiukiang is 252 miles above Nanking, being the (river) port of Kiangsi province. It has been a hotbed of Communism and labour agitation for some time.]

Shanghai, Yesterday. Dr. C. C. Wu has resigned his position as Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Nanking Nationalist Government.—Reuter.

BIG CONFLAGRATION

EIGHT-STOREY WAREHOUSE DESTROYED.

100 FIREMEN AT WORK.

New York, Yesterday.

A fire completely destroyed a big eight-storey warehouse in Broadway, in spite of the efforts of 100 firemen.

The damage is estimated at \$300,000.—Reuter's American Service.

An alliance ought to be beneficial for a few months at least. "Moderate" Government Again.

Actually the Kwangsi faction is much stronger. There is a whole division at Swatow. Another division (the 13th) was in the Kongmoon area but the greater part of this joined the march on Canton.

Then the two other leaders of the Kwangsi faction who are now at Hankow have huge armies behind them.

Generally speaking, Canton has a "moderate" government again and the situation is the same as that before the Ironsides launched their coup and before the Reds broke out.

Good and Bad Marks. It will be recalled that the administration has to its credit some strong-handed action against the Reds in April, the holding in check of violent labour unions such as the Chinese Seamen's Union, and the winding-up of the anti-Hong Kong strike movement.

A "bad mark" against the Kwangsi faction is the levy of the \$10,000,000 loan a few months ago on the bankers and merchants.

As the Ironsides also took a good deal of money away with them, the Canton Treasury is very poor.

As a matter of fact, the Central (Government) Bank had to announce a temporary closure yesterday, owing to political matters.

Police Commissioner's Flight. Notes issued by the Bank are at a heavy discount and less than half of the bigger shops were open for business yesterday for fear of paper money (of Canton) being thrust on them at par.

The "China Mail" political correspondent learns that the Kwangsi army purposely sent so few troops into Canton yesterday because the leaders did not want to alarm the merchants unduly. One report says that the Police Commissioner—Mr. Yung—capable official but a nominee of the Ironsides—has fled the city, but a successor has been appointed to his post.

FRENCH LEGION.

Release of a British Deserter.

SENTENCE REMITTED.

Courtesy Of French Government Approached.

Rugby, Yesterday.

John Harvey, the Briton whose sentence of imprisonment for desertion from the French Foreign Legion was, recently remitted by the French Government, was formally released from the Legion to-day. He had been excused from serving the remainder of his term of enlistment in the Legion.

Harvey left at once for Cardiff—his home town.—British Wireless Service.

Reference in Parliament.

A British Wireless message of December 19 stated:—

In the House of Commons the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Sir A. Chamberlain) was asked if his attention had been called to a statement that John Harvey, of Cardiff, who was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for deserting from the Foreign Legion and had been released by French Government on the appeal of the British Government, was to be sent back to the Legion to complete his term of service?

FRESH AND CLOUDY.

Winds fresh, generally cloudy, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone is unchanged. A strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the North China Sea.

leased by French Government on the appeal of the British Government, was to be sent back to the Legion to complete his term of service?

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that, according to his information, the statement referred to was incorrect. Harvey would be released from his military obligations as soon as the usual formalities in connection with his discharge had been completed.

Sir A. Chamberlain again expressed the thanks of the British Government to the French Government for this act of courtesy, and said: "I may add that an Englishman who voluntarily joins a Foreign Legion under another jurisdiction cannot expect that his Government can interfere."

MR. P. SNOWDEN.

WHY HE RESIGNED FROM THE T.L.P.

DUPLICATION OF WORK.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Philip Snowden, interviewed with regard to his resignation from



the Independent Labour Party, says the latter's activities are supererogatory since the Labour Party adopted a definite Socialist basis for its existence.

Mr. Snowden is of opinion that this leads to much unnecessary duplication of work in the various constituencies. He gathered that the I.L.P. branches throughout the country were finding extreme difficulty in keeping the organisation going because the local Labour Parties were much more powerful.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar

INDIA'S PROBLEMS.

Aga Khan on Viceroy's Failure.

ORGANISE MOSLEMS.

"The British Cannot Be Spirited Away!"

Bombay, Yesterday.

The absence of an organised Moslem body, able to control the masses, is the reason for the failure of the efforts of the Viceroy and others to lay the foundation of mutual understanding and inter-communal peace.

This is the opinion of the Aga Khan who, amid the Moslem League dispute, issued a manifesto calling on Moslem legislators to constitute a permanent Moslem body and enter into binding community's political activity and be in a position to speak authoritatively and enter into binding compact not only with the Hindus but with the British Government because "the British will be in India as long as we can see and cannot be spirited away merely by being ignored."—Reuter.

Madras, Yesterday. A special session of the Hindu Mahasabha, a body representative of a large section of Hindus, the aim of which is to organise Hindus as a community, adopted a resolution to boycott the Statutory Commission, the appointment of which it characterised as a violation of the principle of self-determination and a studied insult to the country.—Reuter.

AFGHAN AMIR.

TO BE THE GUEST OF KING GEORGE.

A PRESS WELCOME.

Rugby, Yesterday.

At the conclusion of his State visit during which the King of Afghanistan will be the guest of King George at Buckingham Palace in March, the Amir will make an extensive unofficial tour of industrial areas. He will be spend some day in Lancashire visiting cotton mills and iron and steel works.

Commenting on the coming visit, the "Manchester Guardian" which extends a warm welcome to King Amanullah, says: "The Amir is a notable instance of the modern type of progressive Oriental monarch. He has set himself to pursue a sensible policy of developing his country slowly and without lavish squandering of concessions to foreign exploiters. The coming of King Amanullah seems to indicate that Afghan soil is now duly prepared for industry."—British Wireless Service.

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FUND FOR RELIEF OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

MILLIONAIRE'S DONATION.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir Alfred Mond is raising a fund of \$20,000 for the relief of the unemployed in Palestine.

Mr. Bernard Baron, the millionaire tobacco magnate, has subscribed \$5,000 toward the fund.

A substantial sum has already been transmitted to Palestine by Sir A. Mond, who himself has contributed \$1,000.—British Wireless Service.

IDLE LIST.

REDUCTION OF 25,000 IN A WEEK.

209,000 LESS THAN 1926.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Minister of Labour announces that on December 19 the total number of unemployed in Great Britain was 1,099,900. This was 25,223 less than the week before and 49,811 less than a fortnight previously. It was 209,889 less than a year before.—British Wireless Service.

BOMB OUTRAGE.

70 SUSPECTS RELEASED IN BUENOS AIRES.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

All the 70 men arrested in connection with the bomb explosions have been released, and the search for the miscreants continues.—Reuter.

YAUMATI SCHOLARS.

Mrs. de Martin Presents Prizes.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

Schools Success In Queen's College Exams.

Mrs. G. P. de Martin distributed the prizes at the Yaumati Government School this morning. She was supported on the platform by her husband and Mrs. A. O. Brown, wife of the Headmaster of the School. There was a large attendance of the teachers, friends and students of the school.

After the Headmaster (Mr. A. O. Brown) had introduced Mrs. de Martin, he presented the school report for the year ending December 31, 1927.

The average attendance for the whole school year, he said, was 247, and was normal, the previous year's average being only one less.

Dealing with the staff Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Lam Pak-to (vice Mr. Hon Kau-foon) rejoined the staff on January 1, 1927. He stated that he had all the support that he could wish for from the staff, and he was very pleased with the work of all its members. Most of them had worked with him for many years and the more he worked with them, the greater confidence he had in them each year.

School Library. The school library, Mr. Brown proceeded, was well patronised especially by the more studiously inclined boys. The control of the library was in the hands of Mr. Hui and the Prefects, and it was admirably well conducted.

The new sports ground in King's Park had had much hard wear during the year under review, the students indulging in many strenuous but wholesome sports.

The school premises were thoroughly renovated during the summer vacation, but, Mr. Brown commented, the playground needs resurfacing as the concrete is very worn.

Speaking about the discipline at the school, Mr. Brown said that visitors commented favourably on the tone of the school, and he himself could say that he seldom had recourse to harsh measures or even harsh words in his dealings with the students, which fact stood out to the credit of the students.

Health Good. The health of the staff and boys was very good, although there were some cases of fever among the Shatin boys. In the autumn there was a slight epidemic of influenza. The Medical Officer (Schools) visited the school in March, September and November, and a few cases of defective vision were dealt with.

Dr. Li Ying-yau again very effectively treated all minor accidents and ailments amongst the students.

On the subject of studies, Mr. Brown stated that at the annual examination 93 per cent. passed. All subjects were moderately good, but colloquial and composition need further improvement. At the entrance examination to Queen's College, 98 passed out of 42 (92.7 per cent.)—a distinct improvement on the previous year when it was only 75 per cent.

Distinctions. Dealing with distinctions gained by the pupils of the school, Mr. Brown commented that several every year swell the list of Queen's College successes. Six gained scholarships this year.

Under the heading of "Athletics" the Headmaster reported that football and volleyball were popular during the year. Many friendly games were played with neighbouring clubs with varying results. Swimming was indulged in at Lat-chikok this year instead of Stonecutters. Lachikok, Mr. Brown commented, is more suitable and is very safe for beginners. The annual athletic sports of the school were held in King's Park in December, and some keen competitions resulted. The most efficient Sports Master is Mr. Sung On-wing.

An innovation this year were several walking picnics held by the school on the Mainland, and one over the Peak District to Aberdeen. All the school with the exception of Class IV, which was undergoing examination, went to the Agricultural Show, and it was both an interesting and instructive visit.

Ambulance Work. A store room was set apart for the use of the Yaumati Branch of the St. John Ambulance, which is largely composed of old boys of the

SATURDAY SOCCER.

Sookumpoo Services Match.

HONG KONG'S INTERPORT XI.

Contributor Picks Representative Local Team.

[By "The Rover"]

The big attraction for the week-end is the Annual Match between the Navy and the Army at Sookumpoo the proceeds of the game being devoted entirely to the usual Service Charities, and although the officials responsible for the arrangements have not thought it advisable to give the match the publicity it deserves (no teams having been communicated to the Press), the match and the cause is worthy of the great crowd which it is expected will be present. All Senior matches are cancelled in deference to the big Service struggle, and only three Junior matches are officially recognised on Saturday, which should not detract from the attendance at Sookumpoo.

The list for Saturday is as follows:—

Charity Match. Navy v. Army, Sookumpoo. Kick off 4 p.m. Referee: Mr. J. Baldwin. Junior Division "B". Kick off 2.30 p.m. Kung Woo v. South China "A" at Yaumati. South China "B" v. Boy Scouts, at South China ground. Moslems v. China Athletic, at South China ground, kick off 4 p.m.

Sookumpoo should provide a fine game and although we have not seen favoured by the Navy side, we can judge from the display the Navy XI gave last Saturday against the Interport Probables that the

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the hope that many of the pupils of the school would join the St. John Ambulance as soon as they were eligible.

Mr. Brown then asked Mrs. de Martin to distribute the prizes. Afterwards Mrs. de Martin was presented with a pretty bouquet of flowers, and then three pupils called for cheers and "tigers" for Mrs. de Martin, the visitors and the Headmaster and Staff.

Mr. de Martin. Mr. de Martin then addressed the gathering and expressed thanks on behalf of his wife for the pleasure that had been afforded her by inviting her to give away the prizes at the Yaumati School. Although he never liked to differentiate between the schools, nevertheless he must confess that Yaumati School was always different to him. He congratulated the pupils on the good report which the Headmaster had presented, particularly those six who had gained scholarships. He hoped that the other pupils would strive hard to follow the examples of those who had gone before them. Mr. de Martin then referred to two former pupils of Yaumati School who had done very well since leaving school, one of whom had just passed an examination at the Hong Kong University, and in another year's time he would become a graduate.

There was only one thing in the report with which Mr. de Martin said that he did not agree, and that was that although mention was made of the Staff, not a word was said about the Headmaster. He thought that it could be equally truthfully said with regard to the Headmaster that the more the Staff worked with him the more confidence they had in him. (Applause)

Prize List.

The following is the prize list:— Class 4A:—Lau Sui-lun, Tai Sam-choi, Li Chung-kam, Chiu Kwan-lam, Yau Ka-yin, Fung Tak-keung. Class 4B:—Lam Wing-sui, Mui Kwan-yan, Fok Wing-cho. Class 5A:—Lau Kwo-fing, Li Chi-yin, Ip Shiu-ming, Chan Kam-chun. Class 5B:—Chong Chung-kai, Chan Kam-wing, To Yun-wing. Class 6A:—Cheung Yam-fat, Fung Chung-kat, Ng Hon-mai, Tseng Sik-lin. Class 6B:—Leung Shiu-pui, Yeung Shiu-cho, Tse Chi-kau. Class 7A:—Ip Kwo-fing, Li Pui-shun, Yim Chi-gang. Class 7B:—Ip Ho-ming, Chan Kwok-shun, Ng Yuk-ki, Li Pot-tin. Class 8:—Ting Ping-kwan, Chan U-ho, Wong Ting-hon, Chan Chun-mong, Ho Man-lai. Special prizes for Chinese:—4A, Tai Sam-choi; 4B, Hung Him-tai; 5A, Lau Chi-lun; 5B, Leung Yim-sang; 6A, Tse Kai-chui; 6B, Tse Chi-kau; 7A, Yim Chi-gang.

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H. T. JACKMAN,
Water Authority,
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 30th December, 1927.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 2nd January, 1928.

Hong Kong, 28th December, 1928.

KING'S COLLEGE.

NOTICE.

KING'S COLLEGE will RE-OPEN on TUESDAY, January 3rd, 1928.

Entrance Examinations will be held on December 30th and December 31st.

BY ORDER.

Hong Kong, 28th December, 1927.

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13th, 14th, 15th & 18th February, 1928.

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GIRL'S CHARGE AGAINST WOMEN.

A DIAMOND RING.

Two Chinese women and a girl of 14 were yesterday charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy in connection with the recent thefts of some jewellery and money from No. 3 Carnarvon Road, Kowloon.

The girl pleaded "guilty" to charges of theft of a diamond ring, two gold brooches and \$10-the property of Mrs. L. de Sanchez, and larceny of a gold ring set with three stones, a plain gold ring and a pair of earrings, the property of Miss P. Buon.

The case for the prosecution was that the girl alleged that she was encouraged to steal the things by a woman named Leung Lan. The diamond ring she subsequently handed over to Leung Lan who sold it to a seamstress for \$4. Of this money Leung Lan deducted 40 cents and handed the balance over to the girl. The girl continued to steal from the inmates of the house from time to time, and always the woman Leung Lan accompanied her to pawnshops to dispose of the valuables. The girl was eventually detected when she stole \$100 on December 18, and it was then that the loss of the jewellery was discovered.

The girl was warned by the Magistrate against committing such thefts in future, and was ordered to sign a bond in the sum of \$100 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

The charge of aiding and abetting the girl was then proceeded with against the two women, and after hearing the girl's evidence, the Magistrate discharged the seamstress, and sentenced the woman Leung Lan to six months' hard labour.

SWORD SUPREMACY.

ALLEGED MOVEMENT IN FRANCE.

France is fighting hard to regain her old supremacy in swordmanship.

Italy since the war has diligently developed talent with foil, epee or duelling sword, and sabre. The prevalence of the duel there is considered by many to have stimulated the enthusiasm for fencing.

French and Italian fencers have rather shared honours in international matches and both are keen on having another grand match between teams of the best, as a preparation for next year's Olympic games.

Lucien Gaudin, generally considered the world's best blade in matches with both foil and epee, has failed to stand the strain of Olympic contests and is likely to be replaced by a more "hard-boiled," less elegant performer, Philippe Cattiau, in the foil and possibly by Georges Buchard with the epee. Roger Ducret, France's best bet in the 1924 Olympics, hopes to wield the sabre for France.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

SHIELD COMPETITIONS.

CLUBS in Membership are reminded that Entries for the Shield Competitions CLOSE on January 1st, 1928.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
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Hong Kong, 30th December, 1927.

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MACAO TO TIMOR.

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Proposals should reach the undersigned not later than 17th JANUARY, 1928. Particulars may be obtained from the PORTUGUESE CONSULATES at Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, Manila, Kobe, Amoy, and Saigon, or from the undersigned.

ALMEIDA PINHEIRO,
Harbour Master,
Macao, 20th December, 1927.

REV. COPLEY MOYLE.

FAREWELL RECEPTION TO CHAPLAIN.

LEAVING HONG KONG.

St. John's Cathedral Hall was well filled yesterday evening on the occasion of a farewell reception to the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, who is retiring after 32 years spent in Holy Orders, 15 of which had been occupied as Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong.

Gifts comprised a draft on a bank in London for £230 sterling, and a Corona portable typewriter, enclosed in a case, the cover of which bore a suitably inscribed silver plate.

The presentation was made on behalf of the subscribers by the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

On the platform in addition to the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, were the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes (presiding), H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., (G.O.C. South China Command), Col. F. Hayley Bell, Mr. T. H. King, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. T. G. Weill, Mr. C. Blaker, and the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

Others present were: Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., Dr. W. V. M. Koch, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, the Rev. A. D. Stewart, the Rev. H. R. Wells, the Rev. W. R. Cannell, the Rev. H. F. Stopford, C.F., Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Dr. Sanders, Col. C. Russell Brown, Col. Robertson, Capt. Michel, R.N., and Professor Earle. Tributes to the sterling work of Mr. Moyle were paid by the Hon. J. Owen Hughes and the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

The Rev. Copley Moyle briefly replied, thanking them all for the help they had been to him in his work in the Colony.

PALM TREE.

GIVES SHELTER FOR HOMELESS.

To the homeless and outcast of Berlin, "The Palm Tree" offers a veritable haven of refuge. This is the name of the big municipal shelter on the Froebelstrasse, in the north-eastern working class district of the capital. Having been refitted for the coming winter season "with all modern comforts," the Palm Tree is now more like a hotel than an asylum and will lack for "guests." The building accommodates 1,900 men and women.

Every applicant for shelter takes a compulsory shower bath, and is given the use of a night shirt and a pair of slippers for the night. Moreover, a portion of soup is served out night and morning. Disinfection of clothing—also compulsory—is carried out during the night by special apparatus.

The majority of Berlin's homeless are street beggars or curb vendors who carry their matches and shoelaces in a box strapped round the waist. In previous years there were nightly squabbles in the home over alleged nightly pilferings, but now a proper "baggage master" has been appointed to take charge of the street merchants' stock in trade on the cloak room check system.

In hard winters, the home is always full.

GRAVE COMPANY.

LORD MAYOR PROPOSES ONLY SLOGAN.

A grave company assembled at Magdeburg. All the oberburgomasters of Germany had met in solemn convocation for their annual congress to discuss weighty matters of municipal and political import. Lord Mayor Boess of Berlin was in the chair, surrounded by a bevy of ministers; Chancellor Marx was also present and men of more than national renown such as Philip Scheidemann, Dr. Conrad Adenauer and Dr. Karl Jarres, respectively lord mayors of Cassel, and Duisburg delivered addresses.

The latter created somewhat of a sensation by his strong advocacy of a German republic "one and indivisible" instead of a federation administratively split up into different states.

Then up rose Karl Scharnagl, lord mayor of Munich, to uphold Bavaria's opposing claims. "Gentlemen," he exclaimed, "our one and only slogan is and must forever remain—'Drink up and have another.'"

Then all the grave burgomasters, recalling Scharnagl's hospitality to Mayor Walker of New York at the Munich Hofbrauhaus, forgot their dignity. The whole assembly rocked with laughter.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Date, Sunrise, Sunset.
December 30, 7.02 a.m., 5.45 p.m.
31, 7.03 " 5.45 "

CHINESE OBJECT.

NEW WAY TO WHITEWASH HOUSES.

EXPERIMENT CRITICISED.

New methods have been adopted by the Sanitary Department in whitewashing Chinese tenements in the Colony, meeting with a good deal of adverse criticism in the vernacular press.

The following, entitled "The Squirting Scheme of Whitewashing Should be Rectified" is a close translation of an article in a local vernacular paper:—

The squirting scheme of whitewashing, which has been newly adopted by the Sanitary Department this year, is (we are able to state as a result of our reporter's inquiries), regarded by the public as unsatisfactory.

It appeared many times in the newspapers that he (the reporter) called upon Dr. S. W. Tso and Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, the two Chinese members of the Sanitary Board, informing them of public opinion.

An Experiment.

The two gentlemen said that they were quite pleased to convey the information to the Head of the Sanitary Department but, that without a true and clear statement, containing full particulars, from those who actually find it inconvenient, such information would not be of much assistance. They also asked the reporter to accompany them to inspect houses in Old Bailey.

On Saturday, the reporter's residence was whitewashed by coolies of the Sanitary Department who were engaged by the landlord, such to be done as an experiment.

The following is the reporter's statement of what actually happened and is intended for the information of the public:—

Procedure Described.

At 9.30 a.m. that day, two Sanitary Department coolies came, bringing with them four large pieces of canvas to be used as covers for articles in the house. As the canvas-covers were wet with lime-water, old newspapers had to be placed beneath them.

The experiment commenced with the kitchen and then with the roof of the main building. Pure water was discharged from a pump before lime-water was used in the same way.

Six or seven buckets of lime-water had been used for the roof. Over half of it fell on the floor like rain. It was just the same as if the house were on fire and being extinguished with water.

Fingers Split by Contact.

The result was that the floor and the walls were all wet. The lime-water became mixed with dirty mud which fell on the floor and came to an inch thick.

A dollar was paid to two coolies for washing the floor. But, before half the flat had been washed, they could not continue to finish the rest, because their fingers were hurt—the skins of their finger tips split by the chemical effect of the lime-water containing an ingredient which, when touched, causes pain to the fingers. The lime-water also contained some liquid substance which is also rather hurtful.

Two amahs and a maid-servant were ordered to take up the job and the result was that they, too, had suffered and still suffer the same fate as the coolies.

"An Unhappy Year."

The white spots on the floor are still there.

This is an unlucky year for the poor servants! Their fingers have to be hurt when they clean the floors.

On inquiry, we find that most of the citizens are strongly opposed to this procedure.

Such are the facts, and as newspapers are meant to express public opinion, we earnestly hope that the Sanitary Board will see their way to fulfil the people's expectation by rectifying the scheme.—Contributed.



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QUEEN'S



NEW YEAR'S DAY.

FAMOUS DUNCES.

CELEBRITIES WHO WERE DULL AT SCHOOL.

One of the most brilliant of living men is Lord Birkenhead, yet he has just confessed that when he was a boy he sat for an examination in which, after two days, the examiners stated he was a "half-wit," that is, one who showed no signs of being able to pass the test. Lord Birkenhead has since then astonished the world by his meteoric rise to eminence. Among the other boys labelled as "half-wits" was one named Amery, who is now a Cabinet Minister.

It was said by wise old Roger Ascham, four hundred years ago, that experience of life taught him that those "which commonly be called the wisest, the best learned, and the best men also, when they be old, were never commonly the quickest of wit when they were young."

Darwin the Dullard.

At any rate, the list of famous dunces is long and illustrious. Sir Walter Scott was the despair of his tutors. At Edinburgh University he showed no signs of his later amazing genius and energy, and Professor Dalzell declared that "Dunce he is, and dunce he will remain." The late Rider Haggard as a youth was tall and lank, and never took a high position in his class. Both his masters and his fellow-pupils looked upon him as dull and stupid. Yet in addition to his romances, which could not have been written by anyone who was dull, Haggard was one of the greatest authorities on the difficult subject of agricultural economy.

Mr. Hugh Walpole, too, was not a bright schoolboy. Indeed, it is obvious that Walpole hated his school life, and even to this day he avers that he cannot count except upon his fingers.

Scientists cannot be considered at all as stupid men, but at school several of them were by no means bright. Newton, the propounder of the theory of

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TATSUNO MARU Tuesday, 7th February, 1928.

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Hai Ning (832) British, from Foochow, Swatow, Douglas—202 passengers, 300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tonkin (907) French from Haiphong, M.M.—18 passengers, 1,000 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Huichow (1,222) British, from Canton, B. & S.—25 tons general cargo (through).

Kingyuan (1,546) British from Bangkok, Swatow, B. & S.—16 passengers, 1,171 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 95 tons general (through).

Emp. of Asia (8,883) British, from Shanghai, C.P.R.—763 passengers, 1,314 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 500 tons general (through).

Fook Sang (1,987) British, from Shanghai, Amoy, Jardine's—72 passengers, 1 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2 tons general (through).

Ekstrand (1,214) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Swatow, Thoresen & Co.—11 passengers, 900 tons rice for Hong Kong, ½ tons rice (through).

Hermelin (1,164) Norwegian, from Bangkok, Swatow, Thoresen & Co.—11 passengers, 900 tons rice for Hong Kong, ½ tons rice (through).

Vulcanus (707) Dutch, from Tamsui, A.P. Co.—86 tons empties for Hong Kong.

Shun Chik (1,183) Mexican, from Shanghai, Wing Lee & Co.

Taito Maru (1,916) Japanese, from Haiphong—Yamashita K.K.—3,600 tons coal (through).

Manila Maru (5,919) Japanese, from Yokohama, Nagasaki—O.S.K.—747 passengers, 301 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,458 tons general (through).

Hozan Maru (1,983) Japanese, from Keelung, Swatow, M.B.R.—90 passengers, 500 tons coal and 639 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Autau, Fook Hoi Co.—112 passengers, 18 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Shih Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing Co.—40 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Heng Tai (1,210) Chinese, from Canton, Wallom & Co.—160 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

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Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals. Departures. Ports. In.

British 11 7 29
Japanese 4 3 5
Norwegian 2 1 9
Chinese 4 3 19
Dutch 1 2 4
French 1 0 2
American 0 1 0
Mexican 1 0 1
Panama 0 0 1
German 0 0 1
Portuguese 0 0 2

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COASTAL CHANGES.

MOVEMENTS OF SHIPPING PERSONNEL.

Mr. W. Niblock, sup'y chief engineer, Yunnan, has gone chief engineer, "Kingyuan".

Mr. F. S. McLaugh, second engineer, "Kalgani", has gone Acting Assistant Sup't Engineer, Shanghai.

Mr. E. J. Eason, second engineer, "Lanchow", is on reserve.

Mr. W. W. McDonald, second engineer, "Taming", has gone second engineer, "Ningpo".

Mr. C. E. V. Fayer, second engineer, "Ningpo", has gone second engineer, "Sochow".

Mr. A. B. Brown, from Home, has been appointed sup'y third engineer, "Taming".

Mr. J. S. K. Oliver, sup'y third engineer, "Chungking", has gone sup'y third engineer, "Shantung".

Mr. D. Watson, from Home, has been appointed third engineer, "Woosung".

Mr. J. Gardner, from Home leave, is on reserve.

Mr. W. S. Smith, third engineer, "Luchow", has gone third engineer, "Whangpu".

Mr. A. J. N. Wood, acting chief officer, "Loongwo", has gone chief officer, "Yusang".

Mr. R. Bell-Sayer, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Slangwo".

Mr. G. Earlam, chief officer, "Slangwo", is on reserve.

Mr. T. C. Malcolm, from reserve, has gone sup'y third engineer, "Yatshing".

Mr. W. Dykes, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, "Kiangwo".

Mr. C. Moore, from reserve, has gone sup'y third engineer, "Yatshing".

Mr. C. M. Anderson, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Suwo".

Mr. F. Kerslake, second engineer, "Suwo", is on Home leave.

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Seraph, Sirdar—No. 11 Buoy.

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SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 24th January.

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TAIPEI MARU Tuesday, 3rd Jan., 10 a.m.
MENADO MARU Tuesday, 17th January, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

HAVANA MARU Friday, 6th January.
JAPAN PORTS

AMAZON MARU Saturday, 14th January.
BINGO MARU Tuesday, 24th January.

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KHYBER	9,114	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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MANTUA	10,546	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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MALWA	10,056	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	9,553	18th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	9,095	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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The ninth annual report of the
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are again glad to be able to say that
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well maintained during the past
year. Although there has been a
reduction of 145 in the total number
of boys sent to sea, only 51 of
this number were "first shipments,"
the total number of both first and
second shipments being still in excess
of the average since the commence-
ment of the school. This is a tribute
to the high standard of character and
physique which is necessary in order
to obtain admission to the school
and the suitability of the training
given. During the past year it has
become increasingly difficult to secure
sufficient lads with the proper qualifi-
cations to keep the school up to its
normal capacity. Greater publicity has
therefore been given to the school
throughout the provinces, which has
enabled the inflow of new material
of the right quality to balance the
demands made upon the school for
trained youths for service in the
British Mercantile Marine.

It is gratifying to state that the
reports which are regularly received
concerning Gravesend boys at sea
are almost uniformly satisfactory,
and the fact that masters who have
once carried Gravesend boys regularly
apply to the school to fill any vacancies,
may also be regarded as practical testi-
mony to the satisfactory manner in which
the youths perform their duties. A
perusal of the reports received through-
out the year shows that numerous lads
have, by continuous service in the same
ship, earned promotion to higher ratings,
and in a few cases have even passed over
to the certificated branch of the deck
service.

According to the Mercantile
Navy List for 1927 the number of
youths sent into the Mercantile
Marine by all training establish-
ments in the United Kingdom dur-
ing 1926 was 1,518, of which number
1,056 (or 69.56 per cent.) were
supplied by the Gravesend Sea
School, as compared with 977 (or
63.6 per cent.) during 1925 out of a
total of 1,536.

The experience of the past year
has proved that the additions and
alterations made to the school
premises, have been completely
satisfactory. Certain improve-
ments have been made in connection
with the apparatus required for
instructional purposes. In particu-
lar, there has been installed a
new steering device, designed by
Lieut. Commander C. W. of the
Shipping Federation, which is a
distinct advance upon previous ap-
paratus made for the purpose of
giving instruction in steering. Im-
provements have also been made in
connection with working models.
The School may now be regarded as
thoroughly up-to-date. During the
year, the School was visited by a
party of Marine Superintendents,
and the observations made by these
gentlemen confirm to the committee
that the system of training which
exists at the School is such as would
command the approval of practical
seamen.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Asia" leaves Hong Kong for Manila
to-day at 5 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Delta" left
Singapore for this port on December
20 at 6 a.m. with the outward
Mails, and is due here to-day
at about 4 p.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Santia" left
Singapore for this port on December
27 at p.m., and is due here on
January 2, 1928, at a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benary" from
Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, Lon-
don and Straits left Singapore for
this port on December 28 at p.m.,
and is due to arrive here on Janu-
ary 3, 1928.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. &
Co.) sailed from Honolulu on
November 28, and is due in Manila
on January 1, 1928.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken,
R.N.R.) will leave here for
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.,
via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and
Yokohama at noon on January 4,
(Wednesday), 1928.

The M.V. "Viminale" (D. & Co.)
sailed from Aden on December 5,
and is due here on January 5,
1928.

The M.V. s.s. "Canton" (Swedish
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Tian via Swatow & S'hai	CHAKSANG	Sun., 8th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Tian via Swatow & S'hai	KWAIKANG	Wed., 11th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHIEFSHING	Mon., 2nd Jan., at 5 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	CHEONGSHING	Sun., 8th Jan., at 5 p.m.
Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Tues., 10th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Wed., 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Canton	CHAKSANG	Tues., 3rd Jan., at 1 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Mon., 20th Jan., at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Thurs., 8th Jan., at 3 p.m.

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L. Marsh, Mr. W. Scheuer, Dr. S.
A. M. Sepper, Miss M. A. Conley,
Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Miss
A. Armstrong, Mr. M. Beebe, Mr.
and Mrs. Blau, Mr. A. S. Gubbay,
Mr. and Mrs. T. K. King, Master
King, Lord and Lady L. Dr. J. L.
Maxwell, Mr. H. S. Prophe, Mr.
and Mrs. T. H. R. Shaw, Miss R.
Solomon, Mrs. L. M. Thomas, Mr.
H. Thomas, Mrs. M. Anderson, Mr.
E. Lee, Miss Y. C. Young, Mr. J.
G. Thorburn, and Miss E.
McQuire.

Among passengers passing
through on their way to Manila
were:—

Miss P. H. Baker, Miss M. M.
Blakely, Mrs. G. M. Eaton and in-
fant, Mrs. B. M. Drummond, Miss
P. Drummond, Mr. and Mrs. H. H.
Garstin, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hagen,
Mrs. J. D. Pugh, Mr. F. D. Van
Horn, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pethick
and three children, Mr. A. Sabra,
Mr. and Mrs. T. Yamamoto and two
children, Mr. T. P. Cochrane, Mr.
A. M. Parker, Miss G. I. Stanley,
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DEATH.

COURTNEY.—On December 20, in England, Michael Courtney, late Master Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd., aged 66.

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 30, 1927.

ON "RAGGING."

So theatrical "rags," fairly common among boisterous youths who frequent London places of amusement, have extended to Penang, thus immediately prompting the query: will the practice continue its trek to this fair Isle? In Penang, it appears, a number of European men in evening dress entered the Town Hall after an entertainment being given by a touring company had begun and made themselves objectionable by their boisterous behaviour. The incident, we are told, caused very unfavourable comment both in the local Press and among the public. Moreover, if the Municipal Commissioners can put their hands on the offenders, they will be hauled before the Courts. Adverting to our query, however, our answer is in the negative. Theatrical "ragging," we opine, will never become a favourite evening pastime among the youth of Hong Kong.

The reason why we shall never be inflicted with such annoyances when attending a performance at our Theatre Royal or any of the amusement centres is not far to seek and is easily stated. Such things, to put it as briefly as possible, are not done. Our young men, in many respects, are, of course, no other young men. In several ways, no doubt, they differ not a little bit from those young men of Penang who have brought everlasting shame upon the port's good name. Here they

possess as great a quantity of animal spirits as their fellows down South. But—and this is why "rags" will never grow popular here—they know how to suppress these spirits, or rather how to control them. Their public behaviour is always perfect. From the day they land in the Colony they are taught that, when among others, they must do nothing but the "right thing." Tail-pans who look capable of beating their wives and swearing at their youngsters in the privacy of their own homes inculcate this doctrine of public propriety into every junior who comes under their control.

Which is as it should be if Hong Kong is to preserve the sterling reputation she has sedulously built up. Foreigners in Shanghai have their "blow outs" every now and then and give vent to much hilarity, and not so very long ago exuberant Britons and others in Tientsin enjoyed a merry evening in the course of which the statue known as "Tin Willie" was removed from the Club Concordia, a German institution. Penang has just shown that its young men can "rag" as effectively as the undergraduates of Oxford or Cambridge, and Singapore, maybe, will be the next to "cut loose" in this direction. But Hong Kong... Never, Sir! We are not; thank goodness, as those others.

A SINGING TEACHER.

MRS. WINIFRED GARDINER
NOW IN HONG KONG.

A prominent teacher of singing in the person of Mrs. Winifred Gardiner has recently arrived from Shanghai. In an interview she said she was desirous of taking up the teaching of singing and voice production in Hong Kong and Kowloon. During the past five years Mrs. Gardiner said, she had been most successful in Shanghai as a teacher and previous to that taught for several years in England, being well known in the Midlands. She had acquired quite a well known reputation for voice production which is so very important if one is to teach singing successfully and has also done a considerable amount of public singing at Organ Recitals, Concerts and Oratorios.

Mrs. Gardiner won the first prize at the Three Counties Festival and before obtaining the 1st prize had secured the second prize in the previous year.

Although she has sang a lot in public, her real gift is for teaching of which she is really fond. She takes individual interest in every voice under her care. Mrs. Gardiner said she will be pleased to welcome Chinese ladies.

STOLEN GAS?

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CHARGED.

PROSECUTION CLOSES.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon took more evidence at the Central Magistracy in the case in which A. A. Remedios, a former employee of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company, is charged with wilfully tampering with a meter installed in his house, stealing gas and falsifying the account books.

The case for the prosecution was completed yesterday, and this afternoon Mr. Leo d'Almada will open the defence. He intimated that as he had already got so much out of the witnesses for the prosecution that was material to his case, he would not call many witnesses. It is expected that the case will conclude this afternoon.

At the conclusion of yesterday's hearing, Mr. Lindsell requested Mr. d'Almada's attendance in Chambers.

Meter Readers.
All the four Chinese meter readers employed by the Gas Company gave evidence. They said that they took turns in covering the various districts—eight in number. Each man had charge of two districts for a certain period, after which they changed round. These changes were ordered by the Company, and the meter readers never made changes on their own.

Previous to 1925, Remedios's meter had been read the same as others, but from the early part of that year, all the meter readers alleged that they were unable to gain admission to the defendant's house when they visited it during the periods they were responsible for the district in which the house was situated.

All the meter readers also claimed that when they failed to gain admission to the house, they reported the matter to Remedios, and the latter told them that he would read the meter himself and supply the figures to them. In some instances the figures were actually supplied by the defendant, and one meter reader admitted that he entered these figures in the account book, as he had no cause to suspect that the figures supplied by Remedios were not correct.

Using No Gas.
Another meter reader stated that he did not enter any of the figures supplied by Remedios, and did not know who entered them in the book, whilst a third said that Remedios never gave him any figures. Each time he complained that he could not enter Remedios's house to read the meter, the latter, he alleged, told him that he had not been using any gas, and told him to enter the same figure as the previous month.

In reply to Mr. Wadeson (for the prosecution) all the meter readers were agreed that in every case in which they failed repeatedly to gain admission to a house, they had to report the matter to Remedios who was in charge of the meter readers.

One witness admitted in cross-examination by Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen., for the defence, that in the event of being unable to inspect any of the consumer's meter, the practice would be to add the last recorded reading to the total, and bill the consumer accordingly.

Mr. Leo d'Almada queried what the Company would do, in case a consumer was absent for certain reasons, as being called away from the Colony, would they charge him for the gas which he never consumed?

Mr. Wadeson said that apart from this eventuality, it was assumed that a certain amount of gas had been used, and an average was struck on the monthly consumptions and charged to the customer.

Manager Recalled.
Mr. Blackburn, Manager of the Gas Company, was recalled and the question was put to him by Mr. Wadeson if defendant in his position in the Company, would not be fairly conversant with the rental of meters and fixings.

Mr. Blackburn replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Leo d'Almada (cross-examination): If a mistake is made, would the account be rectified?—Yes.

The correct amount would be sent to the consumer?—Yes.

So, that assuming for the sake of argument, that Mr. Remedios did make a mistake with his own figures, it would be his duty in due course to send in the correct figures?—Yes, except when it appeared to be wilful tampering.

It appeared to be wilful tampering?—You say appeared?—Yes, in which case I would not think I was justified in sending in the corrected account.

Quite. Can you tell me in what way it appeared to you to be wilful tampering?—Erasures on the books.

Mr. Leo d'Almada: We have not evidence direct evidence, that the figures were actually altered by the defendant?

Mr. Wadeson: My friend would appear to be asking whether the Manager should or should not have

CHINA PEACE?

AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH
AND SOUTH POSSIBLE.

A PEKING THEORY.

Glenn Babb ("Associated Press" Staff Correspondent) writes from Peking to Manila on December 20:—

Out of the bloody turmoil in Canton last week has emerged the salient fact that south China in that portion calling itself Nationalist, has ruptured relations with Soviet Russia as violently and completely as possible without actual declaration of war.

It appears that if armed conflict were geographically possible the two nations would be at each others' throats. Soviet Vice Consul Hassis has perished before a Chinese firing squad in Canton; from the entire Yangtze valley and to the south of it all Russians officially connected with the Soviet are being ousted and Soviet commercial places are being closed.

At Canton this was accomplished by revolting bloodshed. The Soviets were marched from Hankow on Friday, and to-morrow was set as the limit for their departure from Shanghai. Thus death, suffering and indignities were visited upon the Russians, who for three years were the accredited brains of the Nationalist movement.

At least 6,000 persons are believed to have perished in Canton. The Communists who seized the city on December 11 killed 4,000, while the anti-Reds, upon recapturing the city two days later, killed 2,000. At least eight Russians were executed, but no other white men have been killed.

A man well informed on conditions in China has expressed a belief that last week's developments will rid the Chinese revolution of the most oppressive elements, and enable an agreement between north and south China and between China and the foreign powers.

ALICE MEMORIAL.

FURTHER DONATIONS TO
HOSPITALS.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledged with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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Dec. 30, 1927.

His prerogative as the Manager of the Company.

Hypothetical Question.

Mr. Leo d'Almada stated the question was one directly concerning the case against the defendant. It was a hypothetical question which had not been substantiated by any direct evidence. He thought that the corrected account should have been first sent to his client and, if it was challenged, a full investigation should then have been made, the procedure thus ensuring full fairness to his client.

To witness: Have you had any rectified account sent to him?—I would probably have liked to do it. You would probably have liked to do it, but you have not done it. You preferred to institute these proceedings. Was he, in fact, threatened with these proceedings?—No.

In Lawyers' Hands.

Did he ever dispute with you these amounts?—Not to my knowledge.

Was it a fact that a threat was made to him and that the first information he had of these proceedings was when the Sergeant went to his premises with a warrant?—No.

He was told on Saturday that he was dismissed, and so come back on the following Wednesday.

I am glad to hear that. It is exactly what the defendant says. When he turned up on Wednesday, he was told not to turn up again until sent for?—No, until we found out that he was going to be prosecuted. I said that matter was in the hands of my lawyers.

Did you say he was going to be prosecuted?—No.

Have you laid any criminal charge against him?—No.

Was it correct to say that the first intimation of criminal proceedings was when the warrant was issued?—Yes.

Mr. Leo d'Almada's concluding remark in his cross-examination of the witness was: "Certainly, I was not wrong in my questions."

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

It is never the case in Hong Kong that brides and bridegrooms who pass under an arch of steel are for ever after at daggers drawn.

A school teacher, talking about Heaven to his class, said, "Put up your hands all those who want to go Heaven." Every hand went up bar one.

"Don't you want to go?" said the master.

"Not with that mob," was the reply.

Tommy: "A boy told me I was very like you at school to-day, dad."

Dad: "And what did you say?"

Tommy: "Nothin'. He's a lot bigger than me."

"Now, Master John," said the teacher, "how much is seven times eight?"

"Fifty-six," replied Master John, smartly.

"That's pretty good," remarked the teacher.

"Pretty good!" exclaimed John indignantly. "Hang it all, sir, it's perfect."

A man was proudly exhibiting to his friend his newly acquired car, which was of a very well known and popular British make.

"Ah," said his friend, "so you've got one of these. I should have thought you would have gone in for something—well—a little more uncommon."

"It is uncommon," retorted the owner, indignantly, "in fact, in a sense, it's unique. It's paid for!"

He was being medically examined preparatory to taking out an insurance policy.

"Ever had an accident?" asked the doctor.

"No."

"Never had a single injury in your life?"

"Never, except when a bull tossed me over a fence."

"Don't you call that an accident?"

"No, the bull did it on purpose."

Two old gentlemen were sitting in the park enjoying the sunshine on Sunday morning. They were strangers, but at last the elder one remarked:—

"Very pleasant here listening to the sound of those grand bells, isn't it?"

"What's that?" said the other, inclining his head.

"I say it's pleasant here listening to the bells, isn't it?" a trifle louder.

"I'm sorry, I'm rather deaf," remarked the other.

A third time, still more loudly, came the audible remark.

"I'm afraid it's no use. I can't hear a word you say while those bells are making that infernal row."

The vicar: "And how is your husband, Mrs. Robins?"

Mrs. Robins: "Oh, very trying, sir. All last week he was down with influenza, and all this week he's bin up with insomnia."

Negro (in hospital, just recovered consciousness): "Dere was lots of traffic about dectah, and ah wanted to cross the road. It was dark and I could only see the lights. Den ah see a chance to dodge in between two motor-cycles."

Doctor: "Yes. What happened then?"

Negro: "Dat's all, doctah. Dem motor-cycles was a lorry."

A clergyman, about to enter a bus, noticed a gentleman seated in the corner who had celebrated peace rather too well.

"Do you allow drunkards in your bus?" he asked the conductor.

"Well, not as a rule," said the conductor. "But slip in quietly."

Sergeant: "But if he was on his hands and knees in the road, what makes you think he was loitering with intent to commit a felony?"

Very Nerv. Constable: "Well, sir, he was groping at the white line, saying he was going to roll it up and take it home to make a frieze for his bathroom."

The signal inspector was newly appointed, and was examining his first signalman in the knowledge of rules and regulations.

"What would you do if you saw a tall lamp go by the box without a signal?"

The signalman's immediate reply was: "Sign the pledge, guv'nor."

Two old professors were talking about absent-mindedness.

First Professor: "The other day I thought I had left my watch at home, and I actually took it out to see if I had time to go back and fetch it."

Second Professor: "Well, that's nothing. I once woke up one night, and, feeling very uncomfortable, I found I had put my coat into bed and hung myself on the back of the chair."

HOSPITAL CONCERT.

RESIDENTS AND INMATES.
ENTERTAINED.

BOWEN ROAD FUNCTION.

Yesterday, at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, many prominent residents were entertained to tea at the invitation of the Matron and Sisters of that institution. Amongst those present were Major-General Luard and Mrs. and Miss Luard. After a very happy gathering a concert, organised by the Rev. G. E. S. Updell, acting Chaplain to the Forces, was carried out by Mrs. C. P. F. James, for the benefit of the patient well enough to attend. The spacious room was full and was tastefully decorated with flags, evergreens and coloured lights. The stage was a work of art; the fire in the grate was cheery on such a dismal afternoon.

Mrs. Aubrey opened the concert with a violin solo, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Austen. Many of the audience were strangers and had not the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Aubrey before. They certainly gave her every appreciation, and were glad to see her appear a second time.

Mrs. Gardiner, a newcomer to the Colony, delighted the audience in her three songs. It is hoped local audiences may see more of her, as she has done good work for Servicemen in England. Dainty Betty Pestonji gave a jazz dance accompanied by her sister, Miss Bella. The boys enjoyed this item immensely, and asked for more—and got it.

Mrs. Sanger, with Miss Braga at the piano and Mr. John Braga on the violin, gave some very pleasing items which were enjoyed by deafening applause. Mr. Green, of whom we should like to hear more often; gave songs which were well applauded. Mr. Geaves, a good comedian, gave some humorous talks and songs. He will be well sought after to help in Service concerts, having lately come to the Colony. He was a treat and was well received.

Mr. Burnett did his old stunts and got away with them. Guardsman Eccles and Co. gave a double turn and sketch. They were too amusing for words, and the patients were rocking in their seats; there is no need to say they were a success; laughter did all that was required.

Mrs. James was in demand as an accompanist. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very happy concert to an end.

"CHEER O" DANCE.

SERVICES' CHRISTMAS
ENTERTAINMENT.

The last of the Christmas entertainments for the Services took place last night at the City Hall when a dance was given under the auspices of the "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.

The rooms looked very gay and had been tastefully decorated under the supervision of Mrs. F. C. Hall; her helpers were a willing crowd.

Mrs. D. Templeton was in charge of the refreshments, it was a treat to see the array of lovely cakes which Scottish women are famous for.

Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and was kept up until after midnight, music being supplied by the Titania melodians.

The large attendance showed how well a dance was appreciated and the lovely dresses of the ladies with the uniform of the services made a pretty setting.

Private Proudfoot of the K.O.S.B. acted as M.C.

Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe organised the ladies' side and her efforts were well rewarded by the large numbers present.

"RESURRECTION."

NOTABLE PICTURE AT THE
QUEEN'S.

"Resurrection," a picture version of Tolstoy's notable story, is being shown at the Queen's Theatre and should attract cine-goers not only by reason of the fact that it is different from most kinds of photoplays. The Russian author's tale is told graphically and simply, and Dolores Del Rio admirably portrays the peasant girl who is ruined and, after many hardships, sentenced to the Siberian mines. Opposite her is Rod la Rocque, supported by a large cast, the whole splendidly directed. "Resurrection" is a film play which will make you think after you have seen it.

Gilda Gray is starring at the World Theatre in "Aloma of the South Seas." The title gives an adequate description of the picture, which is expertly put together. After "Moana" many are sure to flock to see this new interpretation of life among those halcyon islands.

JAPAN NERVOUS.

EFFECT OF NORTHERN
DEFEATS.

CURRENCY SLUMP.

J. B. Powell, "Chicago Tribune," cabled on December 20: from Shanghai to the "Manilla Bulletin": Japan is again actively considering the dispatch of troops to Shantung, according to reports in Nationalist government circles today stating that the Japanese Government is becoming nervous due to the heavy defeat suffered by Northern troops at the hands of Feng Yu-hsiang at the Kiangsu border. A large stock of rifles and munitions which Chang Tso-lin had recently imported from Tsingtao was captured.

Apprehension exists here due to the cutting off of all telegraphic communications between Shanghai and Peking for an unknown cause but supposedly due to the demoralisation of the Fengtien forces. Chang Tso-lin's paper currency circulated in Manchuria has slumped to the zero point practically paralyzing trade in North China. The Nationalist government announced to-day that Feng Yu-hsiang is moving 60,000 troops on Peking along the Peking-Hankow railway with the objective of striking Chang Tso-lin's troops in the vicinity of Paotingfu to the south of Peking.

The Nationalist Government liquidation of Soviet Russian business here is causing serious financial complications due to the fact that the Soviet state enterprises here handle an annual turnover of approximately 60 million gold dollars. Most of this consists of the shipment of Chinese tea to Russia. A large Russian tea packing plant at Hankow employs more than 2,000 Chinese laborers who have caused the Chinese tea guild to petition the Nationalist government not to close the Soviet concerns.

The chief Russian enterprises here include the trade mission, the union textile syndicate, the Soviet mercantile fleet which operates ships in far eastern waters, the far eastern Dabank and the Chinese Eastern Railway which represents the Trans-Siberian Railway.

SENATOR JONES.

MEMBER FROM NEW MEXICO
SUCCUMBS.

Washington, Dec. 20. Senator A. A. Jones, Democrat, of New Mexico, died here to-day of angina pectoris. He was a member of the appropriations education and labour, finance and public lands and surveys committees. He was elected to Congress in 1917—"Associated Press."

SCIENTIST SAFE.

REPORT OF MURDER
UNFOUNDED.

Calcutta, Yesterday. The German consul here has received a message stating that the report last August of the murder of a German scientist named Fickner on the Chinese and Tibetan border is unfounded. It is now ascertained he and his companions are safe and expected to reach Ladakh shortly.—Reuter.

HUMMING BIRD.

WINGS TOO FAST FOR
CAMERAS.

Humming birds' wings have baffled Britain's fastest cinema camera.

For weeks the air ministry has been endeavouring to photograph humming birds in action as an aid in perfecting the helicopter, but the attempts were unsuccessful.

Humming birds hover in front of flowers, slipping the nectar while stationary in the air, and this is the secret which the government officials have been trying to record on the film. One film was taken at the rate of 300 exposures every second, but the birds' wings were entirely too fast. Only blurs showed where the scientists had hoped to see wing movements.

A faster camera apparatus, to take 1000 pictures a second—equaling an exposure of 1-2,000th of a second—is to be brought into use, if possible.

CHOPPER AS WEAPON.

Chan Kee-chan, a coolie employed at the opium factory in Kennedy Town, was yesterday admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a wound in his head, alleged to have been received through being struck with a chopper in the course of a fight over money with some classmen at No. 99, Belcher Street at 2 o'clock this morning.

Thos. P. and O. and British India Companies present a useful diary and almanack for 1928, of breast pocket size, containing much interesting general and shipping information and maps of the seas over which their vessels steam.

"GOODWILL" FLIGHT.

LINDBERGH AND HIS
MOTHER.

LEAVE MEXICO CITY BY AIR.

Guatemala City, Yesterday. Captain C. Lindbergh has arrived from Mexico City which he left at dawn on the first stage of his Central American "Goodwill" flight.—Reuter's American Service.



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Mexico City, Yesterday. Immediately after Captain Lindbergh's departure Mrs. Lindbergh returned by air to Detroit.—Reuter's American Service.

FLYING BOATS.

QUARTETTE'S DEPARTURE
FOR COCHIN.

Mangalore, Yesterday. The four R.A.F. flying boats have departed for Cochin.—Reuter.

Cochin, Yesterday. The R.A.F. flying boats have arrived.—Reuter.

SOVIET SPLIT.

THREE PROMINENT FIGURES
DISMISSED.

Moscow, Yesterday. The Soviet Central Executive Committee has relieved of their



posts M. Rakovsky, Chairman of the delegation on Franco-Soviet negotiations, a member of the delegation, M. Preobrazhensky, also M. Kamenov, plenipotentiary representative to Italy.—Reuter.

NEW YORK'S TUNNEL.

MOTOR WAY OPENED UNDER
HUDSON RIVER.

New York, Nov. 12. At five o'clock this afternoon President Coolidge in Washington is turning a golden key that by electricity unfurls two flags—one at the New York City end of the Hudson River vehicular tunnel the dream of engineers for a generation.

Although designed for motor vehicles only, the public were permitted to walk through it and inspect it to-day before it is formally thrown open to business. It has two tubes—one for incoming, the other for outgoing traffic. The length of the tunnel is 9,250 ft. It has cost 48,000,000 dollars (\$23,600,000).

The air will be changed forty times a day. Every few feet policemen will be stationed who are motor experts and can repair a breakdown. Charges will vary from two cents (10¢) to 10 dollars (50¢).

THE VOLUNTEERS.

MANY PROMOTIONS
GAZETTED.

MONTHLY SPOON SHOOT.

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant.

Musketry.
Sunday, January 8, 1928.—Reserve Company and Casuals will fire Part II. Table T. at Stonecutters Range.
Range Officer:—Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.
Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.
Dress:—Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.
Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, January 6, 1928, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, January 7, 1928, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Casuals.
A large number of all ranks have not yet fired Part II. Lists of names are posted on Corps Notice Boards. All such will make arrangements to fire by Sunday, January 29, 1928, the last day on which Part II. will be fired.

Peak Range.
Applications for use of Peak Range for the first six months of 1928 should be submitted to the Adjutant immediately.

Corps Signals.
Parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, January 5, at 5.30 p.m., for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

All ranks are reminded that Sunday, January 15, 1928, is allotted to Corps Signals to fire Musketry Part II. at Stonecutters Range. This is the last and only opportunity which can be given.

Artillery Company.
Thursday, January 5, 1928.—Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. for Battery Drill. Dress: Mufti.

Mounted Infantry.
Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 1928. Dress: Mufti.

Armoured Car Co.
Monday, January 9, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.:—

Mobile Column.—Drivers will parade at Corps Headquarters for instruction under 2nd-Lieut. A. C. Groves.

Motor Cyclists and Armoured Car Gun Team under 2nd-Lieut. Hancock for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Scottish Company.
Thursday, January 5, 1928.—All Platoons will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Vickers Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Portuguese Company.
Parade at Corps Headquarters on Friday, January 6, 1928. Dress: Mufti. All ranks are requested to make a special effort to turn up.

Promotion.
The following extract from the "Hong Kong Government Gazette" dated December 23, 1927, is published for information:—

"H.E. the Governor has been pleased to approve the appointment and promotion of Lieutenant Fraser Syme Thomson to the rank of Captain in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from December 16, 1927."

Command.
Capt. F. Syme Thomson takes over the command of the Lights Section and Lights Section Cadre, as from December 16, 1927.

Promotions, Etc.
The following promotions and appointments take effect from December 29, 1927:—

No. 9 Platoon.
No. 938 Corp. V. M. Xavier to be Sergeant.

No. 589 L.-Cpl. A. A. Remedios to be Corporal.

No. 974 Pte. L. Z. Marques to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 1172 Pte. A. Garcia to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 1177 Pte. F. P. Sequeira to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 10 Platoon.
No. 1122 Pte. C. F. V. Ribeiro to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 1135 Pte. N. B. Maher to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 1156 Pte. F. A. M. Rosario to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 1178 Pte. H. J. Silva to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 1186 Pte. M. F. Baptista to be Lance-Corporal.

Transfers.
No. 938 Sergt. V. M. Xavier is transferred from No. 9 Platoon to No. 10 Platoon, as from December 29, 1927.

No. 1186 L.-Cpl. M. F. Baptista is transferred from No. 10 Platoon to No. 9 Platoon.

Reversion.
No. 935 Sergt. E. A. Remedios, No. 10 Platoon, reverts to the rank of Private at his own request, as from December 29, 1927.

Sergeants' Mess.
There will be a meeting of the Sergeants' Mess Committee at Volunteer Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 1928.

Leave.
Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M., having rejoined for duty, the unexpired period of his leave is cancelled.

Struck Off.
Having left the Colony, as from November 14, 1927.—No. 185 Cpl. G. E. Layton, Reserve Co.

NOTICE.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.
The next monthly spoon shoot will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, January 8, 1928, at 9.30 a.m.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Resurrection."

To-day—World Theatre: "Aloma of the South Seas."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Fadlocked."

To-day—Tea-dance, Cafe Regent, from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

December 31—Concert in St. Stephen's Girls' College Hall, Lytleton Road, 8 p.m.

December 31—New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Banquet at Cafe Regent; Dinner daisant as usual.

December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 8.30 to midnight.

January 1—2—Star Theatre: "Volcano."

January 1—2—World Theatre: "Fine Manners."

January 1—5—Queen's Theatre: "Beau Geste."

January 3—4—Star Theatre: "The Devil's Cargo."

January 3—4—World Theatre: "Back To God's Country."

January 5—7—World Theatre: "The Eagle."

January 5—7—Star Theatre: "The Show Off."

January 5—7—Queen's Theatre: "Out All Night."

Sports.

December 31—Cricket Match. Division I. H.K.C.C. v. Navy and Kowloon v. Army.

January 1—U.S.R.C. Tennis entries close to-day.

January 2—New Year Point-to-Point meet of the Fanling Hunt at Souza's Bungalow, 3 p.m.

January 2—K.C.C. Children's sports.

January 2—H.K.V.D.C. Monthly spoon shoot at Peak Range, 9.30 p.m.

Lammerts' Auction.

January 4—At Sales Room, Duddell St., valuable household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

January 5—Meeting of H.K.V.D.C. Sergeant's Mess Committee, Volunteer Headquarters, 6 p.m.

January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., 6 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

Miscellaneous.

December 30—31—Sale on Crackers, toys, etc., at Messrs. Whiteaways, 20, Des Voeux Rd., Ctl.

January 3—Reopening of King's College.

January 22—Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

NAPOLEON'S TOMB.

PERSONATION OF FORCE
AND AMBITION.

A little while ago I stood by the grave of the old Napoleon, and gazed upon the sarcophagus of rare and nameless marble where rest at last the ashes of that restless man. I leaned over the balustrade and thought about the career of the greatest soldier of the modern world. I saw him walking upon the banks of the Seine contemplating suicide. I saw him at Toulon, I saw him putting down the mob in the streets of Paris. I saw him at the head of the army in Italy. I saw him in Egypt, in the shadows of the Pyramids. I saw him conquer the Alps and mingle the eagles of France with the eagles of the Arabs. I saw him in Russia, when the infantry of the snow and the cavalry of the wild blast scattered his legions like winter's withered leaves. I saw him at Leipzig in defeat, and disaster, driven by a million bayonets, back upon Paris, clutching like a wild beast, banished to Elba. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the force of his genius. I saw him upon the fruitful field of Waterloo, where chance and fate combined the fortunes of their former king. And I saw him at St. Helena, with his hands crossed behind him, gazing upon the sad and solemn sea. I thought of the widows and orphans he had made, of the tears that had been shed for his glory, and of the only woman who ever loved him pushed from his heart by the cold hand of ambition. And I said I would rather have been a French peasant and worn wooden shoes, and gone down to the tongueless silence of the dreamless dust, than to have been that imperial personation of force and ambition known as Napoleon.—R. G. Ingersoll in "Queenslander."

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LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Exchange Banks will be
closed for the transaction of public
business on Monday, January 2.

A public meeting is to be
held at Northampton to protest against
proposals to build a road through the
racing track there.

The special session of the
Silk Store, which has attracted
very great attention, closes de-
finitely to-morrow evening.

The South Suburban Co-
operative Society's sales in the last
half-year totalled \$725,848, an in-
crease of \$163,544 on 1926.

Sir Herbert Brewer, who has
conducted the "Three Choirs"
Festival at Gloucester since 1898,
is to compose a work for next
year's festival at Gloucester.

Sir Charles Wakefield, an ex-
Lord Mayor, has given \$1,000 to
establish a fund for the City of
London Special Police at their new
headquarters, Bunhill-row, Fins-
bury.

Mr. John Wheatley, the Socialist
M.P., who unsuccessfully sought
\$3,000 damages for alleged libel
against Mr. J. M. Reid Miller, his
opponent at the last election, has
abandoned his appeal.

The new Captain of the Royal
Hong Kong Golf Club, the Hon.
Mr. E. R. Hallifax, is expected to
play himself in from the first tee
on the Old Course, Fanling, on
Sunday, at about 12.30 p.m.

One of the two gorillas which
arrived at the Zoo, Regent's Park,
N.W., from the West Coast of
Africa died, while the other one—
said to be the only one now in
captivity—is reported "rather
seedy."

About 4,000 operatives, many of
whom are young women, employed
by Messrs. Mon. & Co., Ltd.,
wholesale clothiers of Leeds, came
out on strike in support of the 170
tailors who struck work without
giving notice.

The casual wards at Thrapston
and Brackley, Northamptonshire
are to be closed for six months from
December 27, and the results of
tramps having to make longer
journeys will be closely watched by
the authorities.

The annual competition for the
cup presented by Sir Philip Sas-
son for aerial map reading re-
sulted in a tie between No. 41
(Fighter) Squadron, last year's
winners, and No. 19 (Fighter)
Squadron, R.A.F.

Dr. Walter Stansfield, giving
evidence in a case of suicide by
gas poisoning at Wallasey, Liver-
pool, said that if an irritant were
introduced into coal gas, it would
stop people from taking gas and
dying painlessly.

Raeburn's portrait of Lieut-
General Alexander Campbell of
Menzie and Hoppner's small por-
trait of Elizabeth Lady Le Des-
penser, were sold for \$1,837, 10s.
and \$1,732 10s. respectively, at
Messrs. Christie's.

A protest meeting held in Jersey
against the Government proposals
to levy income tax on British re-
sidents there decided to inform the
Government that in no circum-
stances could the States allow an
outside Government to destroy their
autonomy.

Rev. Dr. J. W. G. Ward, min-
ister of Emmanuel Congrega-
tional Church, Montreal, and
formerly of Torrington Park
Church, Finchley, London, N.,
has accepted a call to the First
Congregational Church of Detroit,
U.S.A., where his salary will be
\$3,000 a year.

Besides "Resurrection" Count
Leo Tolstoy's classic, with Dolores
del Rio, at the Queen's Theatre,
to-day's cinema attractions include
"Aloma of the South Seas" fea-
turing Glenda Gray, the famous stage
dancer, at the World Theatre; and
Rex Beach's "Padlocked," a drama-
tic story of a beautiful girl's strug-
gle with the conventions of to-day,
at the Star Theatre. Lois Moran,
Louise Dresser and Noah Beery are
the principals in "Padlocked."

At the Central Magistracy
yesterday afternoon, Haynes com-
pleted his evidence before Major
C. Willson in the case in which
James Christie, and Christopher
Blum are charged with criminal
conspiracy to defraud Au Yeung, a
Chinese police reservist who posed
as a prospective buyer in an alleged
morphine deal. The case will con-
tinue this afternoon when Mr. J. A.
Gordon Leask, for the defence, will
open his cross-examination of
Haynes.

A Utopian minded correspondent
writes to the "Malay Mail" to ask
whether the present condition of the
Batu Caves can be ameliorated—
where Nature's garden is sullied
with the names of men. We fear
that nothing can be done. The in-
dividuals of the "Arry" type, be he
European, Chinese, or Indian, is
irrepressible; and to the crack of
doom he will continue to embellish
rocks, trees, gates, buildings and
monuments with his autograph.
Even the power of the press falls
before the lust of imbibing a name
on a public place.

Mrs. Mary White, aged 101, be-
lieved to be Cardiff's oldest in-
habitant, has died.

The Rev. Cecil R. Simmons,
Chaplain of Bangkok, has returned
there from Penang.

The expenditure for 1928 on
drugs in connection with Health
Insurance in London was \$272,896
18s. 9d.

The New Year Point-to-Point
meet of the Fanning Hunt will be
held at 3 p.m. on Monday next at
Souza's Bungalow.

The total output of the Kailan
Mining Administration's mines for
the year ended December 10
amounted to 109,205 tons and the
sales during the period to 83,741
tons.

The South China Missionary
Directory, brought up to date to
the end of August, 1927, has just
been issued and is obtainable at
The Bible Depot at a cost of 50
cents.

A fire engine of a lighter type and
able to reach the upper levels with
more ease than the present ap-
pliances has arrived for the Hong
Kong Fire Brigade. The engine is
a Rolls Royce and the body has
been built by Messrs. Denny.

Three forthcoming weddings are
announced of Mr. Alfred George
Quinnell, retired, residing at the
Victoria Hotel, Kowloon, to Miss
Alexandra Payer, of the same ad-
dress; and of Mr. Catalino Manalo,
a barber of 5, Granville Road, Kow-
loon, to Miss Julie Matamoros, re-
siding at the same address.



President Rodolfo Chiari, of
Panama, who denies emphatically
that there will be a revolution in
Panama as predicted by former
President Porras, who now leads
the opposition party. Grave con-
cern is felt over the situation exist-
ing now that a presidential election
will be held in that country shortly.

News was received yesterday of
the death of Captain Michael
Courtney, who passed away in Eng-
land on December 20. He first
came to China in 1894, and joined
the Indo-China Navigation Co. He
was promoted to Captain on Jan-
uary 24, 1908. He commanded
many Jardine's vessels, and at one
time he was captain of the
"Basilian," a crack ship.

A serious accident occurred out-
side the Central Fire Station last
night when a Chinese third class
passenger attempted to alight from
a tramcar whilst it was in motion.
The man fell on his back, striking
his head heavily on the ground.
His skull was fractured, and he was
in a very critical condition when he
was removed to the hospital in the
Fire Brigade ambulance.

Mr. Alexander Holm, C.B.E., who
is likely to come here to take
charge of the Department of Agri-
culture, S.S. and F.M.S., has had a
distinguished career. He was
general manager of the Govern-
ment experimental farm at Pot-
chefstroom, Transvaal, in 1908, and
subsequently general manager and
principal of the School of Agricul-
ture there, became Under-Secretary
for Agriculture (Education),
Union of South Africa, in 1912, and
six years later Director of Agricul-
ture, East Africa Protectorate. He
is now president of the Agricul-
tural and Horticultural Society of
Kenya, as well as a member of the
Executive, Legislative and Inter-
Colonial Railways Councils.—M.M.

Reopening of probate of the will
of Mr. F. Cornes, formerly of 8,
Great Winchester Street, London,
late of Riverhead, Hampshire,
took place on September 7 last,
leaving not English estate of
\$384,281 5s. 4d., and \$5,000 in Hong
Kong, has been granted to Mr.
G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. John-
son, Stokes and Master. The ex-
ecutors, for whom Mr. Tinson is at-
torney, are two sons, Mr. A. J.
Cornes, 8, Great Winchester Street,
London, Mr. H. F. Cornes, 18, Elm
Court Temple, London, and a
brother-in-law, Mr. H. M. Tinson,
of the London Life Association,
12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,
22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,
31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40,
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51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60,
61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70,
71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80,
81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90,
91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Thieves carried off goods valued
at about \$50 from the stall of a
church bazaar at Beeston, Leeds.

A fox was killed in a garden
at Brant Broughton, Kesteven,
Lincolnshire, in a run with the
Blankney Hounds.

The South Metropolitan Gas Co.
is to reduce the price of gas by
2d. to 8 1/2d. per therm from the
Christmas quarter.

The naval drifter "Fumerole," of
the battleship "Revenge," which
was sunk in Portland Harbour by
the submarine L58 on November 11,
has been salvaged by dockyard tugs.

Sidney Wall, a crippled 7-years-
old boy, has travelled approxima-
tely 4,000 miles from Bermuda to
London for treatment at the
Treloar Cripples Hospital, Alton,
Hampshire.

The White Star liner "Homeric"
(\$4,351 tons), which has arrived at
Southampton from New York, will
undergo a thorough overhaul be-
fore leaving Southampton again on
January 11.

Devonport came first in the offi-
cers' mess cooking and the Higher
Ratings cooking in the naval chal-
lenge shield competition at the
Cookery and Food Exhibition, Hol-
land Park Hall, Notting Hill, W.

It was stated in the Dail that
a contract for 700 pairs of boots
for boy messengers had been given
to a Wallingborough (Northamp-
tonshire) firm, although there is a
15 per cent. tariff on boots im-
ported into the Free State.

Mrs. S. A. Carroll, formerly in
the service of the Southern Rail-
way (marine department), who has
died at Dover, was known as the
"royal stewardess" on account of
the many times she had accom-
panied royalty on Channel cross-
ings.

Mr. H. Berkeley was in town, says
the London correspondent of the
"Malay Mail," to attend the mar-
riage of his nephew, Mr. Robert
George Berkeley, to the Hon.
Myrtle Dormer, second daughter of
the late Capt. Lord Dormer and of
Lady Dormer, at Brompton Oratory.

"If we are to carry on in India,
as I hope we shall always do, we
must have a strong representation
on the Assembly. It is the Assem-
bly that talks and if we give of
our best, we are sure to get it back
a thousand-fold," remarked Sir
Darcy Lindsay in addressing the
European Association at Calcutta.

"Many American novel drama
have a baneful effect on Indians
who regard them as typical of west-
ern life and civilisation, but if they
were censured the cinema would
fall to attract," remarked Mr.
Parkinson, a member of the newly-
created board of film censors at
Lahore, in giving evidence before
the Indian Cinematograph Commit-
tee.

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 20.—An
extraordinary meeting of the Agri-
horticultural Association passed a
resolution condemning the Sanitary
Board's ban on the Stadium at the
exhibition grounds and decided to
take action to proceed with the
scheme. A sub-committee was
appointed to meet the authorities
with a view to arriving at an
agreement.

"Fit for human consumption"
was the opinion expressed by the
Calcutta Coroner's jury in respect
of the 12,000 tons of molasses be-
longing to the Pure Cane Molasses
Company, into which an Indian
misty had fallen. The body was
taken out about eleven hours later.
The jury expressed the opinion that
the molasses were quite fit for
human consumption.

Letters of administration have
been granted with regard to the
estate of Mariano Kimjap Y.
Nolasco, a merchant of the Philip-
pines, who died at Manila on March
4, 1926. The estate left in Hong
Kong is valued at \$31,800. Let-
ters of administration have been
granted to Mr. L. R. Andrews, who
is the attorney for the executrix,
Mrs. Maria Escobar Co-Chay, widow
of testator.

A concert will be given in the
Hall of St. Stephen's Girls College,
Lyttelton Road, to-morrow night at
8 p.m. It has been arranged by the
"Students of 1927" of St. Stephen's
Boys' College, in aid of the New
Building Fund. Miss Capell's
pupils are to give four dance items;
there will be a short Chinese play,
and Mr. John Bragg will play the
violin. The rest of the programme
promises to be both interesting and
amusing. Over \$1,000 has already
been contributed by friends for
Special Tickets. Admission to-
morrow night will be \$3.00.

After hearing further evidence
yesterday, in the inquest on six
Chinese who were drowned as the
result of a fire on board the motor
boat in which they were on a picnic
at Salkung, on November 27, Mr.
W. Schofield gave a further ad-
judgment until Wednesday next.
Evidence given yesterday was of a
similar nature to that already
given, and nothing fresh came out.
All the witnesses were agreed that
the passengers of the motor boat
took fright at the outbreak of fire
and jumped overboard without
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while, the movement for the re-enfranchisement of General Li
Chai-sum in the southern capital grows stronger day by day.
The interesting events leading up to the present situation in
Canton are graphically described by Chinese correspondents
and observers in this week's "Overland Mail."

Pirates are again active on the Yangtze River, and British
naval action has been taken against them. The "Overland"
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Nationalists have again attacked Fengtien forces, threatening
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SPORTS

SATURDAY'S SOCCER. INTERPORT SOCCER.

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team will be a hot one, and will start favourites. The Army team has been given as Anderson (K.O.S.B.), Hooper (Queen's), Bunn (Queen's), Everett (K.O.S.B.), Sims (R.A.M.C.), Carwell (Scots Guards), Larkin (Queen's), McNiven (Scots Guards), Pulford (R.A.), McClintchey (K.O.S.B.), Alexander (K.O.S.B.). This team looks good and excepting for the absence of Leech (R.G.A.) and Carwell out of position, is about the best the army could pick.

The Navy XI I hope to watch closely and if they play up to the recent good impressions created, will be a handful for our Army representatives. This should be a big game, with plenty of good passages and much sport.

The football in the match is being presented by the Hong Kong Football Association and this will be ruffled for during the game, at a very moderate price per chance which should all help to swell the funds of a good cause.

In the football world of Hong Kong, that is to say the Soccer section, the great "thought of the day" is the "Hong Kong Interport XI v. Shanghai." The Hong Kong Selection Committee were going strong, the Probables selected were improving each match and contemporary critics had the team selected down to the eleventh man, when the Navy happened along, and by effecting a draw with our local hopes, quite upset form. This has resulted in the publication of two local footballers who can judge possible teams which must leave "cold," and which at the best is not likely to help the Selection Committee in the slightest. Players for representative matches should not be picked on an individual game, however brilliant or mediocre that particular display may be. The Interport team should presumably be the best XI in their positions, and if the Selection Committee could go on and pick this XI their task would be easy, but there is one big drawback.

The Committee with a plethora of Service Talent available are handicapped. They can only select three Service players to comply with Interport rules. So they have to confine their choice, and several Service players who would certainly be in the Team therefore cannot go to Shanghai.

As I have witnessed all the best matches amongst the Clubs, and also the Interport practices, and both International Matches to date I have delayed "assisting" the Committee until the last stages, but with all due regard to the difficulties of a selection Committee I venture to put on paper a very strong Interport team, though admittedly not the strongest the Committee could select (because of the 3 Service Players bar).

Here is my Interport team and reserves to go to Shanghai, as our X. plays, as at present arranged, Shanghai Interport XI and British United Services XI on two successive days: a strenuous programme:

Hong Kong Interport XI.
Goal: Clark (Police).
Rt. Back: Wynn (Police).
Lft. Back: Lai Yuk-tat (Chinese Athletic).

Rt. Half Back: McBride (Club).
Centre Half Back: Sims (R.A.M.C. & Kowloon).
Lft. Half Back: Lam Yuk-ying (Chinese Athletic).

Outside Right: Tso Kwai-shing (Chinese Athletic).
Inside Right: Northey (Navy).
Centre Forward: Gossano (Rex).

Inside Left: Suen Kum-shung (Chinese Athletic).
Outside Left: Rev. Alexander (K.O.S.B.).

Reserves: Rodger (Club), Bishop (Club), Leung Yuk-tong (Chinese Athletic), Vernon (R.A.F.), Leech (R.A.), McClintchey (K.O.S.B.), Chan Kwong-ku (Chinese Athletic).

*Service Player.

This is how I place our players, having regard to the two facts that we cannot play more than three Service men, and also owing to the exceptionally fine record of the Athletic this year. On form they demand recognition, as long as our Interport team is representative of the Colony's football, for if Shanghai had four players of the class of Lai Yiu Tong, who I notice was included in their probable XI recently, they would certainly play them.

The H.K.F.A. Interport Committee should take three Reserves with them, and should the weather on the day of the match be heavy, Bishop might be given the left back position, as Lai Yuk-tat will be engaged in a very heavy programme with his Hong Kong Chinese Interport XI.

I have endeavoured to select the team on form shown, in strenuous matches, and I don't think the final selection, however strong, would give this team many points. We have weight and experience in the back division, and a very nippy forward line, and each man on his day a very dangerous forward and much as I would like to see Leech and Vernon included in any representative side of Hong Kong their inclusion would mean a reshuffling of the team and players changing places which is not good for combination.

This year's Interport team is not easy to select, but our representa-

SHANGHAI ARRANGEMENTS ANNOUNCED.

TWO LOCAL TEAMS.

The Interport General Committee of the Shanghai Football Association held a meeting on the 20th inst. to make certain arrangements in connection with the visit of the Hong Kong Interport team during the China New Year period. A Chinese Interport team is visiting Shanghai from Hong Kong at the same time, and the meeting had of necessity to co-ordinate, as far as possible, the matches which will be played by the two visiting teams. The Chinese Interport team from Hong Kong—which is visiting Shanghai under the aegis of the China National Amateur Athletic Federation—will play an Interport rubber of the best of three matches against the local Chinese, while the Hong Kong Football Association team will play one Interport match against a Shanghai Football Association team, and such other matches as are arranged by the S.F.A.

At the meeting the following programme of matches was agreed upon:

Thursday, January 19: Hong Kong F.A. Interport Team and Hong Kong Chinese Interport team arrive.

Friday, January 20: Practice and mild entertainment.

Saturday, January 21: Interport Match—Hong Kong F.A. Interport team v. Shanghai F.A. Interport team.

Sunday, January 22: Hong Kong F.A. Interport Team v. British United Services of Shanghai.

Monday, January 23: Hong Kong Chinese Interport Team v. Shanghai Chinese Interport Team, first match of three.

Tuesday, January 24: Entirely open under present arrangements.

Wednesday, January 25: Hong Kong Chinese Interport Team v. Shanghai Chinese Interport Team, second match of three.

Thursday, January 26: Chinese of Hong Kong and Shanghai v. Foreigners of Hong Kong and Shanghai. Interport dinner at Majestic Hotel.

Friday, January 27: Entirely open under present arrangements.

Saturday, January 28: Hong Kong F.A. Interport Team leaves.

Messrs. R. Grimshaw, F. V. Read, S. V. Gash and A. H. Leslie were appointed as members of the entertainment sub-committee; and Mr. R. Grimshaw, Captain H. R. H. Steward, S. V. Gash, and C. W. Hampson members of a committee to arrange accommodation for the Hong Kong F.A. Interport team.

INTERPORT RUGBY.

LOCAL INVITATIONS SENT OUT.

TO MEET SHANGHAI.

Invitations have been issued to the following by the Hong Kong Football Club to go to Shanghai for the forthcoming Interport Rugby match:

R. F. Wright (R.A.).
G. P. Lammert (American Express).

A. E. Pritchard (A.P.C.).
L. M. S. Lloyd (A.P.C.).

G. F. Bichard (Hurst & Co.).
E. W. Bingham (H.M.S. "Bluebell").

C. D. Wales (Union Insurance), Captain.

G. P. S. Davies (H.M.S. "Tamar").

T. L. Foster (Hong Kong Electric).

J. H. Dale (H.M.S. "Tamar").

F. H. Keeley (Queen's).

W. Beveridge (Hong Kong Bank).

F. H. Traves (University).

J. Rakes (Hong Kong Bank).

F. Alhurst (Hong Kong Electric).

S. M. Garrard (Union Insurance).

B. W. Sampson (Brunner Mond).

atives from the above list should give a worthy account of themselves, and what is more, reverse the previous result at Shanghai, as our available talent this year is superior to the team which did duty at Hong Kong last year and so easily defeated Shanghai; while League Football this year has been very strenuous in Hong Kong, and even allowing for the advantage to Shanghai in being at home, I think it will take a very smart team to beat Hong Kong's best XI.

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Dempsey holds stock in the Society but is not a member.—Reuter's American Service.

LOCAL GOLF.

COMPETITIONS FOR LADIES.

TWO MEDAL TOURNEYS.

A medical competition will be held on the New Course, Fanling, on Tuesday, January 17, for a prize kindly presented by Mrs. Allan Cameron.

From Friday, January 20, to Tuesday, January 24, a medical competition will take place on the New Course, Fanling, for prizes kindly presented by Mrs. Whyte-Smith.

Conditions for both competitions will be posted later in the various Club houses.

Ladies' Championship.

The draw for the Ladies' Championship is as under:—

Byes:—Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Dodwell, Mrs. Piercy, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Whyte-Smith, Mrs. Flemin and Mrs. Crawford.

Mrs. Tottenham and Mrs. Stevenson.

Byes:—Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hornell, Mrs. Redmond, Mrs. Murray.

First round to be played by January 14; 2nd round by January 14; 3rd round by February 11; 4th round by February 25; final round on a date (Sunday) to be fixed later.

CHRISTMAS MEETING.

Mixed Bogey Competition.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. S. Dodwell, 3 down, win.

Other scores:—

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown, 5 down.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Taylor, 5 down.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark, 6 down.



Atlanta, Yesterday.—The champion golfer, Bobby Jones, has passed his examination for admission to local practice in Georgia.—Reuter's American Service.



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WHERE IS JOHN BULL

QUEST BY SIR ARTHUR KEITH.

Sir Arthur Keith, who has studied all the famous heads of the world, has been looking about him, and cannot find that of John Bull.

Every one knows it by sight. That open, frank face, that broad, slightly low forehead, the firm mouth and full chin, or chins, the round cheeks, and touch of side whisker. When was it that we saw it last? Now we come to think of it, it must have been in "Punch." Sir Arthur says we never see it anywhere else.

Where, then, did we get the idea from? Sir Arthur says that the original John Bull was a true Saxon, and the Saxon type has gone. It has been ousted by Norman and Dane and Hanoverian and Dutch and Huguenot, and all the other races who have come to the little island England and found it good. A new type of face, long in the nose and long in the tooth, has superseded the old chubbiness.

We all hope he is wrong. When we cast about, trying to remember what our friends are like, we find they are a rather mixed lot in appearance, but we believe they have the John Bull spirit, and we seem to see the John Bull face behind it in some of them. Perhaps in cities there are long-faced men, but when the Cattle Show is on the good old sort come to town.

DEATH ROLL.

CHIEF OFFICER H. WHITEMAN.

The death is announced of Mr. H. Whiteman, which occurred at his residence in Southampton. Mr. Whiteman, who was a well-known member of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, had been ill for some months. His last appointment was as chief officer in the employ of the Isle of Wight Company, in whose services he had been for thirty years. During the Great War he volunteered for the perilous work of mine-sweeping, and from 1917 to 1920 was a member of the crew of the Princess Beatrice, patrolling off the coasts of Ireland and Scotland. He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom the sympathy of the nautical community has been forwarded by the secretary of the association.

Commander C. D. Bennett, R.D., R.N.R.

The death of Commander Charles Douglas Bennett R.D., R.N.R., took place at his home, 12, Empire House, Thurlow Place, London, S.W., last month at the age of 71 years. Captain Bennett began his sea career in 1872 as an apprentice in Devitt and Moore's ship "Parramatta," and on completion of his indentures he served as fourth and third mate of that ship. He joined the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.'s service in 1883, and was working through the different grades obtained command of the steamer "Shanghai" in 1898. In 1898, for his fine seamanship in bringing the "Tibet" through a terrible gale in the Channel, he was especially thanked by the directors of the company, and was thereafter known by his brother officers as "Lucky Bennett." He commanded various steamers of the P. and O. Company's fleet until 1916. He was a Younger Brother of Trinity House, and a member of the Company of Master Mariners.

Captain L. McTavish.

The death took place at his residence, 46, Hamilton Drive, Mount Vernon, of Captain Lachlan McTavish, one of the best known master mariners on the "Clyde." Captain McTavish was associated with the firm of Messrs. David MacBrayne (Limited) for 50 years, and retired from active service in March, 1924. He was born in the Knapdale district of Argyllshire, and began his sea career, nearly 60 years ago, as a deck hand. At the age of 17 years he entered Messrs. MacBrayne's service, and in the course of his long connection with the firm he rose to the position of commodore of their fleet. At one time or another he was associated with every one of their vessels, and ultimately, in 1904, he was given the command of the "Columbia," a vessel which is known to everyone familiar with the "Clyde." He remained as captain of the "Columbia" until his retirement in 1914, when a large company of friends took the occasion to present to him a pocket book and cheque. It was said of him that he knew every nook and corner of the coast from the Mull of Galloway to Thurso.

ATLANTIC RESCUE.

SCHOONER'S CREW RESCUED IN HEAVY GALE.

The services rendered by the steamer "City of Lahore" in rescuing the crew of the Newfoundland schooner "Selma Cresser" have recently been referred to. It seems from a report which has reached the Imperial Merchant Service Guild that the "City of Lahore" sighted the schooner showing a flare at 5.25 a.m. on October 30, and shortly after as they approached, the schooner fired a rocket. The engines were slowed down, and passing under the stern of the schooner, those on board the steamer hailed her, the reply being to the effect that they wished to be taken off and had no boat of their own. Heavy weather had prevailed for some considerable time, and there was still a big sea running. The "City of Lahore" steamed to windward and, pouring fish oil overboard, waited for daylight. At 6.30 a.m. the starboard lifeboat was sent away in charge of the chief officer (Mr. J. W. Harris), and took off the six men who comprised the crew of the schooner. One man fell between the vessel and the boat but he was rescued and was found to be uninjured. The ship then steamed to leeward, picked up the boat at 7.35 a.m., and proceeded on her voyage.

The wind was west-north-west at the time, with a heavy westerly swell, clear weather, ship rolling heavily. The distressed schooner, hailing from St. John's, N.F., gross tonnage 139, was bound from Lisbon to Newfoundland with a cargo of salt, 13 days out. The position of the rescue was in lat. 40.58 N., long. 27.24 W. The captain of the "Selma Cresser" stated that his vessel was leaning so badly that he would founder in any case, and he had, therefore, to set her on fire in two places before leaving. When last seen the schooner was burning furiously. In the boat sent away by the "City of Lahore," with the chief officer in charge, was Mr. S. C. S. Taws (second officer), and Quartermasters R. T. Foster, P. A. Walker and A. W. Rouse. The "City of Lahore" is under the command of Captain E. G. Hopping, who is an old member of the Guild, which society has taken steps to bring this very timely and well-carried out rescue to the notice of the proper authorities.

Mr. F. G. Bourne, on return from home leave, resumed his duties as Coroner for Singapore.

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MONEY & SHARES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank wire	2 1/2 %
Bank on demand	2 1/2 % 7/16
Bank 30 days' sight	—
Bank 4 months' sight	2 1/2 %
Credits 4 months' sight	2 1/2 %
Documentary 4 months' sight	2 1/2 %
On Paris—	
On demand	1280
Credits 4 months' sight	1335
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	49%
Credits 60 days' sight	51%
On Bombay—	
Wire	184%
On demand	184%
On Calcutta—	
Wire	184%
On demand	184%
On Singapore—	
On demand	86%
On Manila—	
On demand	par.
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78 1/2 %
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	106 1/2 %
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's ing rate)	9.50
Silver (per oz)	28 9/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	2% prem.
Chinese Copper Cash nom.	—
Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem.	—
Rate of Native interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	23 1/2 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	1/4 % Prem.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris	124
New York	4.88%
Brussels	34.89
Geneva	25.25
Amsterdam	15.03%
Milan	92 7/16
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.07
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.33 1/2
Vienna	34.54 1/2
Prague	164%
Helsingfors	193%
Madrid	29.14%
Lisbon	2 27/64
Athens	365 1/2
Bucharest	795
Rio	5 15/16
Buenos Aires	47 13/16
Bombay	1/8 3/8
Shanghai	2/7
Hong Kong	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/10 15/16
Silver Spot	28 9/16
Silver Forward	26 1/2

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THE SHARE MARKET.

Stock. Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

T.T. on London	2 1/2 %
T.T. on Shanghai	78%
Banks.	
Hongkong Bank	\$1152 1/2 n
do. Lon. Reg.	\$122 n
Chartered Bank	\$21 n
Mercantile A. & C.	\$125 n
do. G.	\$14 1/2 n
P. & O. Bank	\$10 n
Bank of East Asia	\$82 n
Insurance.	
Canton Insurance	\$585 b
Union Insurance	\$255 b
North China Insurance	\$143 b
Yantai Insurance	\$105 b
China Underwriters	\$1.05 b
China Fire Insurance	\$215 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$650 b
Shipping.	
Douglas	\$104 n
H.K. Steamships	\$20 1/2 b
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	\$180 b 2
Indo-China (Pref)	\$30 n
do. (Del.)	\$48 n
Shell Transport	\$90 n
Water-Boats	\$17 n
Mining.	
Benguela	\$24 n
Kailash Mining	\$20 n
Langkats (Combined)	\$18 n
do. (Single)	\$19 n
Shanghai Explorations	\$2.25 b 2,90
Shanghai Loans	\$7.05 n
Banks	\$3 n
Tramways	\$17 1/2 b
Docks, Wharves, &c.	
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$123 b
H.K. & W. Docks	\$38 b
China Providents	\$340 n
Hongkong	\$153 n
New Engineering	\$5 n
Shanghai Docks	\$80 n
Cotton Mills.	
Ewo Cottons	\$7.05 b 7
Oriental Cottons	\$14 n
S'hai Cottons (Old)	\$14 n
do. (New)	\$14 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$7.15 n
Hongkong Lands	\$4.85 n
Shanghai Lands	\$124 n
Humphreys Estates	\$18.85 b
Hongkong Estates	\$7.50 n
H.K. Territorials	\$1 n
Prince's Buildings	—
Public Utilities.	
H.K. Tramways	\$21.10 b 22.20 n
Peak Tram (old)	\$14 n
do. (new)	\$7 n
Star Ferries	\$18 n
China Lights (comb.)	\$12.90 n
do. (old)	\$9.45 b
do. (new)	\$9.45 n
H.K. Electric	\$58 1/2 b 58 1/2 n
Macao Electric	\$44 n
H.K. Telephone	\$190 n
China Buses	\$7 n
Singapore Tractions	11/0 b
Industrials.	
China Sugars	\$8.85 n
Malayan Sugars	\$30 n
Canton Ice	\$2 n
Cement (comb.)	\$7.20 n
do. (old)	\$8 n
do. (new)	\$8.70 b 1
H.K. Paper (old)	\$5 n
do. (new)	\$5 n
United	\$10 n
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farms	\$14.80 b n
Watsons	\$11 n
Der A. Wings	\$3 n
Jane, Crawfords	\$2.70 n
Lachinots	\$22 n
Singapore	\$7 n
Wm. Powell	\$8 n
Miscellaneous.	
H.K. Amusements	\$22 n
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"LUMBER LOVE."

EMPIRE PLAY TO BE STAGED.

"Lumber Love," the most discussed musical comedy written for years, is to be produced at last. A contract was signed by Mr. John Southern, the manager, Mr. Emmett Adams and Mrs. Mahon, his sister, the composers, and Mr. Leslie Stiles the author.

The play will be produced in a few weeks, with a cast drawn from all parts of the British Empire. Its author is English, its composers are Australians, and the scene is laid in Canada.

"Lumber Love," for more than four years, has nearly been produced, time after time. Its music has been heard by probably twenty different managers, all of whom have praised it and two of whom, Lee Ephraim and Charles Gulliver, nearly staged it. Mr. Gulliver once went so far as to build the scenery and fit it to the stage of His Majesty's.

Chief Comedian.

Billy Merson was once to have been chief comedian and put up \$2,000 of his own money to pay for the production. W. H. Berry once had the part re-written to suit him. Alfred Lester once had extensive alterations made so that it would suit his personality.

Once the production was stopped by Mr. Gulliver's illness. Mr. Ephraim produced "Rose Marie" instead.

Evelyn Laye and Phyllis Dare have heard the score. Winnie Melville knows it almost by heart. Derek Oldham and Sidney Pointer have sung the men's songs nearly a score of times. Foster Richardson has sung it. Pitt Chatham knew it by heart, but he died.

Sir Charles Hawtrey was so impressed by the music that he said he would produce it for nothing. James White heard it, and then said he had no time to rewrite the book, although he had not read the original one.

Last year it was played to Lee Shubert, who thought it wonderful, and it was sung to William Foss. Andre Chariot has heard it, and Jack Buchanan and Percy Hutchinson, and William J. Wilson, the producer.

All came to nothing until a fortnight ago Jameson Dodds heard the score. He took it to John Southern, who in a few days raised the money from friends, drew up the contract, and signed it.

QUEEN OF SONG.

ESSENTIAL POINTS FOR MUSIC TEACHERS.

Just now, when the parental mind is being happily exercised about music and thoughts of the best thing to do for son or daughter revealing glimpses of fondness for the art, it may be useful to give the views of one of the queens of song—Marchesi. In her very delightful work, "Singer's Pilgrimage," Marchesi avows that there is only one way to train the voice, just as there is only one way of looking out of one's eyes. The entire problem is, how to teach the teachers, and how to find the teachers who are worth training.

Marchesi lays down fourteen essential points in a teacher. Let me choose some of them at random. To possess knowledge of the world's ancient and modern music; to be able to impart all branches of the art of singing—opera, oratorio, church music, songs, part-singing, &c.; to possess knowledge of the world's most important literature; to know at least the four principal languages; to possess pathological, physiological, and psychological instinct; to have energy necessary to guide mortals; and to have patience. If one were to insist on applying Marchesi's standard to teachers of singing, how many would pass the examination? One of the most memorable quotations given by Marchesi is that which compares two great masters who were asked what is wanted to make a singer. Rossini said: First, voice; second, voice; third, voice. Garcia said: First, character; second, character; third character.

ROUND THEATRES.

WHY PEOPLE RUSH TO FIRST NIGHTS.

SOME THRILLS.

Why do people crowd to first nights? It was said that there were a thousand applicants for stalls for "Home Chat," the new Noel Coward play. Would no other night have done?

Personally, I cannot understand people going to the theatre except on first nights, when once they get used to them, writes Hannan Swaffer in the "Daily Express." I cannot appreciate why, when they know what a play is about people still want to see it. To my mind, finding out the plot gradually is half the fun. Still there are people who always read the end of a novel before they start it. They like to read the part about how they lived happily ever after before they start on the prelude of agony. I like the mystery best.

When you are accustomed to first nights and their surprise, every other night seems dull. It would take columns for me to enumerate the first-night thrills that I have known.

I remember, for instance, an actor going round to the pit door to fight some people who were present, and another threatening to leave the stage and "kick them."

Then on the first night of "The Dancers," there was great curiosity over the identity of "Hubert Parsons" which, according to the programme, was the author's name.

When Sir Gerald du Maurier came on the stage at the end, and explained that his second name, was Hubert and that Viola Tree's married name was Parsons it settled a lot of doubt.

I remember after the first act, a well-known critic turning to me and saying, "Who wrote this play?"

"Viola Tree, I believe," I hazarded.

"It's very good, for her," he replied.

"Mystery" Authors.

These first night authorship mysteries are common. On the first night of "Loose Ends" at the Duke of York's Dion Titherage who was playing the leading part apologised for the absence from the house of "Geoffrey Warren," the nominal author. Really, he was the author himself, but he wanted all the Titherage applause to be for Titherage the actor. Indeed, he deserved it.

George Pickett, part author of "The Silent House," had a Chinese acting name when he first appeared in his own play at the Comedy. The idea was that people who liked the play should not know he was on the stage as an actor. The story, however, leaked out, and Pickett took the call.

Then, when "The Rat" was first produced few people knew that "David L'Estrange," the name on the programme, came from Ivor David Novello and Constance Collier L'Estrange, who had written it together.

Few people knew that "Edward Wilbraham" was the Earl of Lathom until I printed the fact.

The modesty of the author of "Life Goes On" will always cling in my memory. He had a first night telegram sent to the Duke of York's from Arundel when, all the time, unknown to the audience, he was managing another West end theatre. Even now he is not certain whether or not I know his name. Not fifty people do.

I remember one poor author who stood in the wings and then, hearing shouts took a bow that no one called for. He thought they were calling "Author! Author!" whereas the actual words were "Awful! Awful!"

The excitement of "The fanatics" will long remain in my mind. Unknown to the audience, Fascists had threatened to burn down the theatre if the play was produced; at least they called themselves Fascists. They had read one of the author's anti-war plays and were angry.

"Isn't Miles worried about it?"

OPERA LOVERS.

SIR THOMAS BEECHAM'S 2,000 LETTERS A DAY.

London, Nov. 17.

Sir Thomas Beecham informed a "Daily Express" representative yesterday that he is receiving about 2,000 letters a day in response to his appeal for 150,000 opera lovers to subscribe 10s. a year for five years, so that an efficient English opera scheme can be carried out.

"Seventy-five per cent. of these letters," he said, "contain cheques, £1 being the popular subscription covering two years, and promises of 10s. a year for the ensuing three years."

"One envelope contained a cheque for £1,000. If they keep it up like this the success of the plan is assured."

Subscribers to the Imperial League of Opera, 161, New Bond Street, are entitled to seats at a reduced price and will have the choice of seats. Allotment will go by priority of subscription.

"The first letter opened," said Sir Thomas, "was from an old lady in Bournemouth, eighty years of age."

"If this scheme is not wanted, then, speaking from an experience of twenty years, no opera is wanted, and we shall have buried the subject of grand opera."

"I want to see it either alive or dead. I don't want to hear this nonsense talked from year to year as to whether we are musical or not musical, whether we want opera, or not."

"In two or three years' time it will be no good talking about music at all, because there won't be any. There will be gramophones and wireless."

Music "In Its Coffin."

"If this scheme fails, that you can put the body of English music back into its coffin, instead of trying to extract it, half putrescent, and it will remain there for five hundred years."

Sir Thomas explained that his antipathy to gramophones was not so intense as towards wireless.

"Wireless transmission is unfortunately complicated," he said. "You have five or six processes to go through. You go through brick walls and atmospheric disturbances and metamorphoses, and by the time you reach the other end the performance hasn't the smallest relation to the original. Wireless has no resemblance to musical sound. You might just as well do it in the Zoo."

I asked the author's wife after the second act.

"Oh, no," she replied calmly. "He's used to that sort of thing."

Meanwhile the author was acting somewhere else, indifferent to the result, not knowing in fact that "The Fanatics" which was originally put on for only a month, was destined to be one of the record money-makers of the year.

The present-day cheering of so-called stars when they arrive in the stalls at first nights has become a nuisance.

A few years ago only people like Marion Terry and Julia Neilson were applauded. Now all sorts of minor nobodies receive as much applause as though Sarah Bernhardt had come back to life.

Some actors pay for this applause in the sense that they send signed photographs to gallery girls, and even give them silk stockings, in order to win their favour.

I know of one leading man in musical comedy who has walked along the queue before a first night and given gallery seats away in the hope of obtaining a good reception.

I know of another musical comedy man whose family have formed themselves into a regular letter factory, and circulate every girl who has ever written to him.

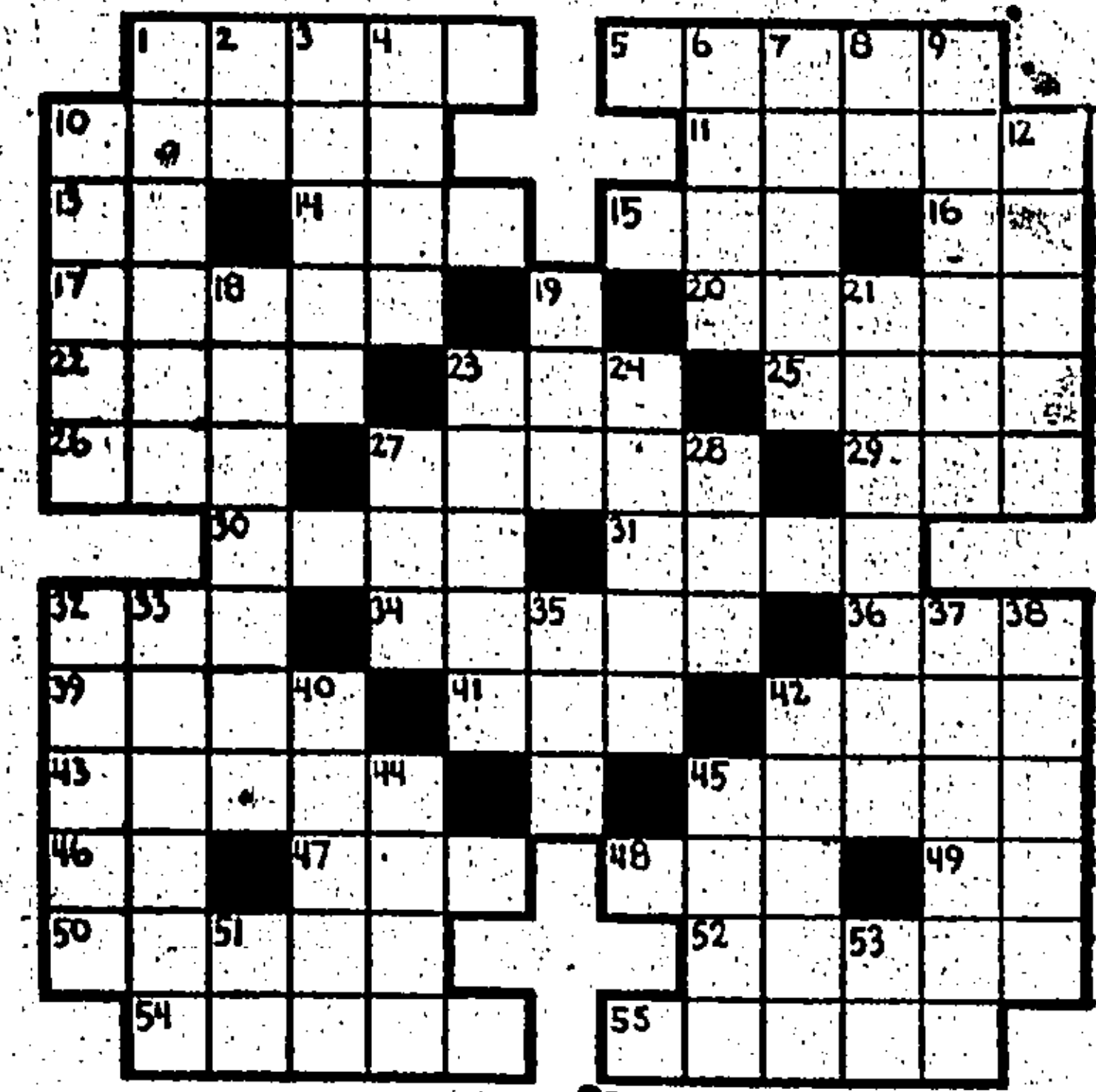
He drives along the queue waving, like a film star, sends picture postcards out by the thousand, and generally works up popularity that would be wonderful—if it were genuine.

Second nights are dull things. Third nights—well, people then merely go to see the play. The last nights—they are the tragic ones.

There is another reason for people rushing to first nights. They may be the last nights also.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plover, and altho.)



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|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-A dude | 34-A tall structure | 10-A division of an |
| 2-To grip | 35-Declaration | 11-extended poem |
| 10-A well-known | 36-Part of the body | 12-Clothes hands |
| amusement island | 41-A measure of length | 13-Come in contact |
| near New York | 42-Suppletion | with |
| 11-Haughty | 43-A secret language | 14-A sweet conserve of |
| 12-Part of verb "to be" | 44-peculiar to thieves | fruit |
| 13-Pun by a spider | 45-Appended | 15-Edible grains |
| 14-A vat | 46-Freeman | 16-Report |
| 15-A island in N. Y. | 47-False hair | 17-Joined |
| 16-A state (abbr.) | 48-A close friend | 18-A head covering |
| 17-Given a title | 49-Prefix meaning from | 19-Conjunction |
| 20-Tubes | 50-Blung around | 20-Meaning "and not" |
| 21-One row above | 51-Large volumes | 21-Waits |
| 22-Flat | 52-A town in Belgium | 22-Beldom |
| 23-Come in contact | 53-Entertained | 23-Court |
| with | | 24-Was in want of |
| 24-A unit | VERTICAL | 25-A species of dog |
| 25-Pertaining to | 1-A province | (pl.) |
| manhood | 2-An article | 26-To endow |
| 26-Railroads (abbr.) | 3-More recent | 27-One who steers a |
| 27-A group of people | 4-Colored | ship |
| working for one | 5-To praise | 28-The rise and fall of |
| goal | 6-A book containing | the ocean |
| 28-Pulled apart | photographs | 29-To assess |
| 29-Three (Prefix) | 7-In this manner | 30-Toward a higher |
| | 8-An advertising sheet | level |
| | 9-Pronoun | |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

STAR'S CONTRACT.

£500 A WEEK FOR TWO OR MORE FILMS.

London, Nov. 16.

Miss Evelyn Laye, whose first film, "The Luck of the Navy," produced under Graham-Wilcox auspices, has just been completed, yesterday signed a twelve months' contract with the New Art Company, to "star" in two or more films.

Miss Laye's salary under this contract, while she is working, will be at the rate of nearly £500 a week.

The New Art Company, which recently produced "The Fake" and "The Further Adventures of a Flag Lieutenant," two costly and successful British films, will be absorbed by a larger concern called the Imperial Pictures Corporation, Ltd. The owner of a large West End restaurant is associated with these film ventures.

Miss Laye's screen contract which definitely prevents her from accepting American engagements, will not interfere with her stage work in this country.

FILM STAR SUED.

REGINALD DENNY ACCUSED OF NEGLIGENCE.

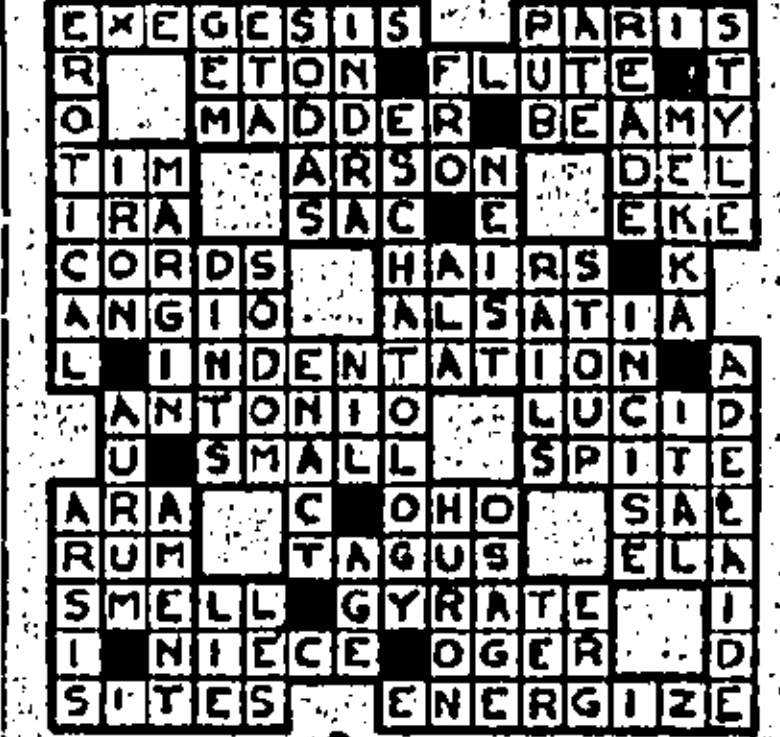
Los Angeles, Nov. 2.

Mr. Reginald Denny, the English film star, is being sued for divorce by his wife, Irene Haisman Denny. She alleges that the higher he rose in his profession the more he neglected her, until he entirely disregarded her opinions or feelings.

Mr. Reginald Denny is one of the best known of British film stars, his light comedy roles having made him particularly popular with the British cinema public.

He was born at Richmond, Surrey, being the son of a theatrical family, and went to America in 1912.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



VIENNA'S TRIBUTE.

TRIUMPH AT A FAMOUS CONCERT.

Vienna, Nov. 6.

English music had an unexampled triumph at the famous Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra's concert this morning. The performance was musical Vienna's graceful "Thank you" for the exhibition of pictures entitled "Three Centuries of English Master," which closes to-day.

The concert was under the patronage of Viscount Chilton, the British Minister, Austrian Cabinet Ministers, and a committee of the most famous names of the old Hapsburg nobility.

The programme included works by Elgar, whose "Land of Hope and Glory" was wildly applauded, and the singing of seventeenth century English madrigals was enthusiastically received. Sixteen boys of the historic Imperial Choir from the Hapsburg private chapel in the Habsburg took part.

Dr. Hainisch, the President of the Republic, presented Viscount Chilton with a signed photograph, and thanked him and the viscountess for the success which cemented and extended the traditional Anglo-Austrian friendship.

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LAWRENCE LEGEND.

STORIES OF "UNCROWNED
KING."
SOME ECCENTRICITIES.

Lawrence's "Revolt in the Desert" is now out of print, and existing copies have acquired a certain bibliographical value. It is out of print because Lawrence refuses to make money out of his writings about his Arabian exploits. "Revolt in the Desert," indeed, was an accident; it was published only to recoup the author for his losses on the private and severely limited publication of the fuller version, "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom," and these losses have now been made up. So far as Lawrence is concerned, the incident is closed. However, those who thirst for information about the "uncrowned king of Arabia" and his famous campaign can now find it in "Lawrence and the Arabs," by Robert Graves (Cape, 7s. 6d.). Here the story that was told in "Revolt in the Desert" is briskly retold. More than that, Mr. Graves gives us chapters on Lawrence the man, which very vividly illustrate the eccentricities of genius.

Young Wisdom.

He was born at Tremadoc, North Wales, in 1888.

His mother who two years ago went off unconcernedly to end her days with a mission in Central China—but has recently been sent back home much against her will because of political troubles there—is a woman of decision and quiet power: with features like Lawrence's. She told me once: "We could never be bothered with girls in our house," and, conveniently, she had five sons and no daughters.

T. E. was brought up at Oxford mainly, and very early in life proved that he was not as other men.

He had a secret arrangement with the city workmen to give him any pieces of pottery or other finds that they made and was soon an actual expert on the pottery of the Middle Ages.

At the age of thirteen he began a series of bicycle tours round England by himself, and in pursuit of a study of mediaeval armour made a large collection of brass-rubbings from old monuments in country churches.

He went to Jesus College. One of his tutors writes: "His work was always on his own lines even to the hours when he came to me. Shortly after midnight to 4 a.m. was a favourite time." In six years he read every book in the library of the Oxford Union—about 50,000 in all.

High Diplomacy.

He made his first trip to the East at the age of twenty, and the East held him fast. It was in 1916 that he began to take a hand in the Arab revolt, and for five

years thereafter he was, on the field and at the Peace Conference, fully engaged in that romantic business—as "Revolt in the Desert" tells.

Mr. Graves tells a very good story of Lawrence's unconventional attitude at odds with the high formality of Lord Curzon. The former had gone to Jiddah in 1921 to arrange a treaty with Hussein.

Hussein kept him arguing for two months in the heat, hoping to break down British opposition to his claim for a paramount position above other Arab princes, and finally put him off altogether, suggesting that he should continue the negotiations with his son Abdullah in Amman. Lawrence sent a cipher cable to Lord Curzon, the Foreign Minister. "Can do nothing with Hussein. Are you fed up or shall I carry on with Abdullah?" Curzon, who was a stickler for the diplomatic phrasing of official despatches, asked his secretary: "Pray, what does this term fed up signify?" The secretary, who had a sense of humour, replied, "I believe, my lord, that it is equivalent to 'disgruntled.'" "Ah," said Curzon, "I suppose that it is a term in use among the middle classes."

Personal Notes.

Here are some of our author's impressions of his hero:—

He is short (five feet five and a half inches), with his body long, I should judge, in proportion to his legs, for he is more impressive seated than standing. He has a big head of a Norse type, rising steeply at the back. His hair is fair (not blond) and rather fine: his complexion is fair and he could go unshaved longer than most men without showing it. The upper part of his face is kindly, almost maternal; the lower part is severe, almost cruel.

He avoids eating with other people. Regular meal-times are not to his liking. He hates waiting more than two minutes for a meal or spending more than five minutes on a meal. This is why he lives mainly on bread and butter. And he likes water better than any other drink.

Perhaps his most unexpected personal characteristic is that he never looks at a man's face and never recognises a face. This is inherited; his father one day stepped on his toe in the street and passed on with an apology, not knowing him. He would not recognise his mother or his brothers, even, if he met them without warning.

He avoids regular hours of sleep. He rarely replies to letters. He does not intend to write another book. And "he can be relentless to the point of cruelty."

High Speed.

Such is the man who (by Deed Poll) is now T. E. Shaw, Aircraftman in the Royal Air Force on service on the North-West Frontier of India. He must occasionally astonish his comrades.

"What are you grinning at, you there?" shouted a sergeant-in-

NEW GOVERNOR.

PRaise FOR MR. HENRY L. STIMSON.

POLITICAL LOVE-FEAST.

Washington, Dec. 21. High tribute was paid to Henry L. Stimson, new Governor-General of the Philippines, by chairmen of the Senate and House Insular Affairs Committees upon the occasion to-day of his visit to them assembled in joint session.

It was a real political love-feast, apparently designed to usher in with due ceremony and era of goodwill and good-feeling.

Not only did the two chairmen speak; the Philippines came in for a hearing, and congressmen rose up to defend the good faith and intentions of the Filipino politicians as regards the new island administration.

Opening the meeting, Senator Frank B. Willis as chairman of the Senate Insular Committee, declared Colonel Stimson "to be qualified in every way for his new position."

"I have been amazed," said he, "at his thorough familiarity with Philippine affairs. I am convinced that he will follow a policy of friendly co-operation."

Next came the House chairman, Congressman Edgar R. Kiess, who is best known as the author of the famed Kiess Bill. Congressman Kiess supported the view of Senator Willis with regard to Colonel Stimson.

"He made an excellent impression upon our committee," declared Kiess. "I expect that he will follow the Wood policies, but in a very friendly way."

"No American rights will be surrendered," a number of congressmen defended Senate-President Maquell Quezon, basing their remarks upon a newspaper publication alleging that Quezon intends to fight the Stimson administration in the Philippines.—United Press.

structor to him one day about two years ago, when he was in the Tank Corps. "Do you really want to know," Sergeant?" said Lawrence. He did. So Lawrence explained a joke in a late-Greek dialogue of Lucian's that he had been turning over in his mind during arms drill. He quoted for a quarter of an hour, and the sergeant and squad listened without interruption in the greatest interest.

One is glad to learn that he has at least one ordinary human weakness—motor-cycling at terrific speed.

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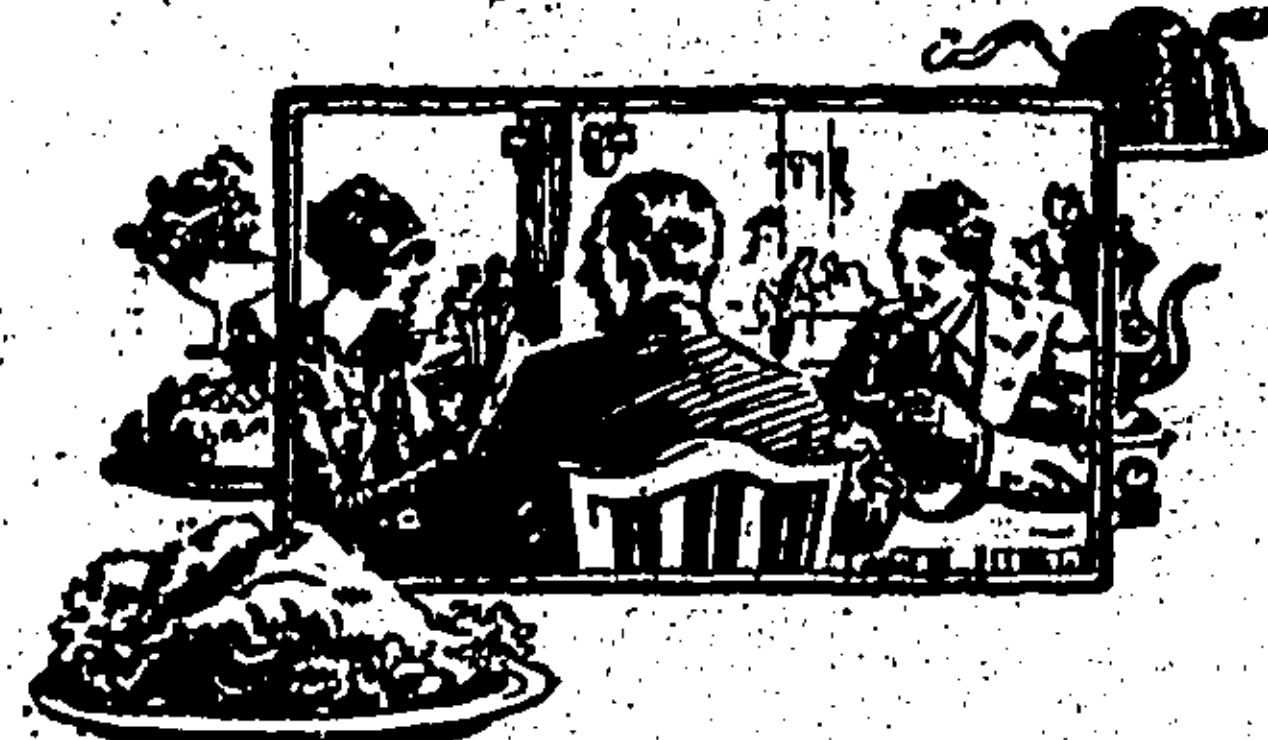
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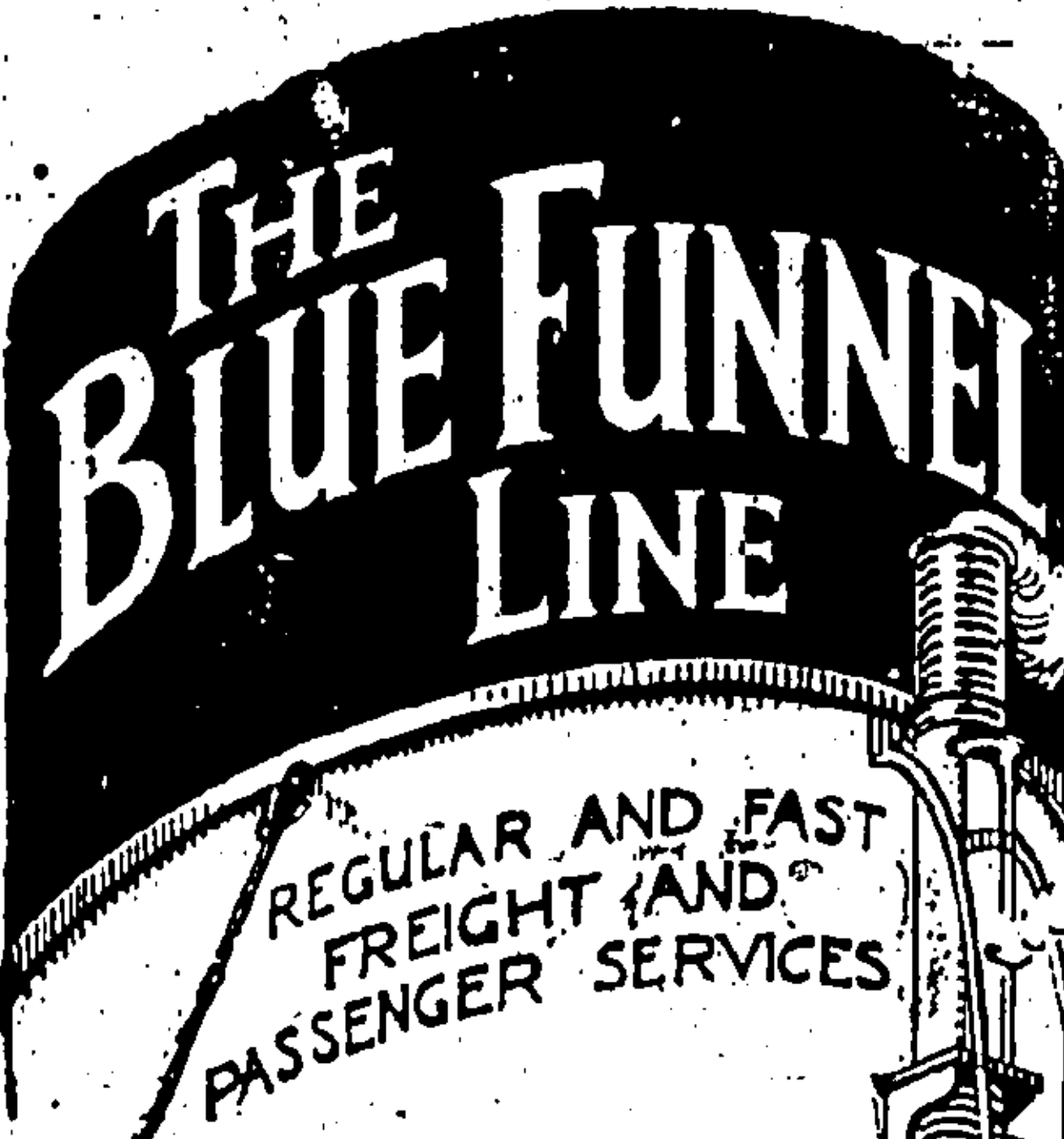
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Haliphong Tonkin..... 3.30 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei Huichow..... 5 p.m.
Shanghai & Japan Delta..... 5 p.m.
Hohow & Haliphong New Mathilde..... 5 p.m.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
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Swatow Hydrangea..... 9 a.m.
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MONDAY, JANUARY 2
Amoy Kwelyang..... 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 31st Jan. 1928, & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 10 a.m. Registration 11.15 a.m. Letters Noon..... Pres. McKinley.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
Hohow, Pakhoi & Haliphong Taiqua Maru..... 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow Hal Hong..... Noon

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CONSULATE CLOSED.

Soviet Officials Leave Shanghai.

GERMANS IN CHARGE.

When the Red Flag Was Lowered in Settlement.

Shanghai, Tuesday.
The Soviet Consulate-General in Shanghai is now closed and the keys are in the hands of Mr. F. Thiel, Consul-General for Germany. Two ships carried away on Saturday to Vladivostok a number of Soviet consular and commercial officials as a result of the recent action of the Nationalists.

The str. "Sishan" left at 9.30 a.m. with Comrade B. Koslovsky, Consul-General for the U.S.S.R. and other officials on board and the str. "Haiyen" left at 2.45 p.m. the same day with officials of the Soviet Mercantile Fleet and Soviet Trade Union and also with other representatives of the Soviet organisations in Shanghai numbering 16 in all. They were escorted to a launch by the S. M. Police, the red flag being lowered before their departure from the Consulate. The str. "Sishan" left port with some 20 officials including Comrade Koslovsky, Consul-General; Comrade Meladin, Vice-Consul; Comrade Sorokin, agent of the Soviet Mercantile Fleet; and Comrade V. Rover, manager of the Tass News Agency, the Soviet news organisation. No furniture was taken away by the officials.

Offices Closed.
The German Consul-General has received no definite instructions in regard to passport visas but it is understood that he is authorised not to visa passports of Soviet citizens. Those desiring visas must apply to Mukden and no passport visas can be granted here to those desiring to travel to Harbin.

Acting on the request of the Nanking Government, the S. M. Police visited some 40 offices occupied by Soviet citizens and as a result these offices are now closed. It is probable that there will be other citizens sent away in the near future.

German Notification.
A report says that the Soviet str. "Simferopol" arrived at Tsingtao on December 17, flying the Nationalist flag in the belief that Tsingtao was under the control of the Southerners. The ship was arrested and fined \$1,800 by the Northern administration in occupation.

The following notification, which appeared as an advertisement in Saturday's issue of the "North China Daily News" has been posted at the former Soviet Consulate-General by Mr. F. Thiel, German Consul-General:

I HEREBY notify that I have, acting under instructions from my home government and with the consent of the local Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, to-day taken charge of the building of the Consulate-General of the U.S.S.R. and of the interests of citizens of the U.S.S.R. residing in the provinces of Kiangsu, Chekiang, Kiangsi, Anhui and Fukien. They may, if in the course of their lawful pursuits the necessity arises to have Consular assistance, apply to the German Consulate-General provided always that they refrain from political activities and specialise in any attempt to meddle with internal Chinese affairs.

HAUL OF ARMS.

CHINESE ON "EMPEROR OF ASIA."

The Police yesterday arrested two Chinese who arrived from Canada on board the "Emperor of Asia," for the unlawful possession of a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The two men, Li Ching-shan, had in their possession two revolvers, ten automatic magazines and 1,872 rounds of revolver ammunition, whilst in the luggage of the other man (Wong Shu-chin) 80 rounds of rifle ammunition were found.

SUICIDE MANIA.

Whilst a Star Ferry launch was crossing the harbour yesterday afternoon, a young Chinese woman attempted to jump overboard but was prevented by another woman, who pulled her back just as she was about to plunge into the water.

STILL SNOWBOUND.

Plight of Residents at Home.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD.

Men Struggling Miles Across Snow Fields.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The latest weather forecast affords a hope that milder conditions will relieve the plight of the inhabitants of the towns and villages which are still snowbound, and in many of which real hardship is being endured owing to the shortage of fuel and food supplies.

Reports from all quarters tell of men struggling for miles on foot or horseback across fields deep in snow to take food supplies to remote districts, and of the gallant efforts made by doctors to reach patients in isolated places.

The work of clearing the roads of snowdrifts has been rendered even more difficult by the severe frost, which has turned drifts into masses of ice.

Even London has been threatened with shortage of fuel and food supplies.

Coal merchants have been getting supplies of coal satisfactorily by train, but have been unable to deliver to householders owing to the icebound streets.

In Covent Garden supplies of vegetables are short, as these come mainly by road. Milk supplies have been considerably affected, but are now being delivered nearly normally.

French People Held Up.

A large number of French people is held up in England through an accident to the Channel steamer "Engadine," which made a fresh start for Paris today by the Newhaven-Dieppe route.

Others waited at Folkestone for the "Maid of Orleans," which left Boulogne for Folkestone at midday with 836 passengers aboard and was afterward leaving for Boulogne again.

It was hoped this morning that a French boat would be available for passengers wishing to cross from Dover to Calais, but at midday it was announced that there would be no Dover-Calais sailing to-day.

The Newhaven-Dieppe and Southampton-Le Havre services are normal.

"Aquitania" in Difficulty.
When the Cunard liner "Aquitania" arrived at Cherbourg last evening en route to New York her Commander, Sir James Charles, decided that the high wind and heavy seas made it too hazardous to go into harbour. The liner had to cruise round outside the harbour all night. She managed to enter at nine o'clock this morning, after being held up over twelve hours.—British Wireless Service.

A FROZEN DESERT.

Snow Drifts 10 to 20 Feet Deep.

London, Yesterday.
The Arctic conditions of extraordinary severity have transformed Britain into a frozen desert.

Heavy snow falls have blocked the roads, isolated towns and villages, interrupted telegraphs and telephones, swallowed up sheep and cattle, and dislocated the food market. Many cases are completely cut off from food supplies.

A number of the main roads has been partially cleared by a prodigious effort. Many have again been blocked by the heavy winds shifting snowdrifts often 10 to 20 feet deep.

Employment is heavy. Snow ploughs have been permitted traffic on the main railway lines, but numerous branch lines are abandoned as hopeless.

Appalling conditions prevail at Canterbury, which was submerged several feet by the floods during the short thaw. It is now again visited by frost, the streets being encrusted in two feet of ice.

Passengers Marooned.

A fierce gale in the Channel compelled the suspension of the cross-Channel services for four days, and 1,500 travellers for England, including Ambassador Fleuriat, are marooned indefinitely at Boulogne.—Reuter.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

HOME FROM CHINA.

Arrival of Last Contingent.

CHRISTMAS AT SEA.

Rough Passage For Middlesex And Border Regiments.

London, Yesterday.
The last contingent of Class "A" Reservists from China arrived at Southampton this afternoon on the transport "Somersetshire" with the Headquarters Thirtieth Infantry Brigade, the First Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, and the First Battalion of the Border Regiment.

The vessel had a very rough passage during the past week, having met with heavy squalls in the Bay of Biscay.

The troops, however, enjoyed their Christmas dinner, and the children received gifts from a large Christmas Tree.—Reuter.

DRAGON TANKS.

Crushing a Road Through the Snow.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A strong North-easterly wind, reaching to gale force in many parts of Southern England, continues. Except in towns and on some of the main roads in the country, which have been cleared, accumulations of snow still greatly hamper traffic but in many districts all vehicular movement on roads is nearly stopped.

Even where snow ploughs have cut tracks they have in many parts filled up by drifts blown by high winds. In many small villages, isolated by the storm, such as on Dartmoor and the hamlets of Devonshire, the prospect of a food shortage is causing some anxiety, particularly as the condition of the snowbound villages is becoming worse as a gale continues to pile up deeper snow drifts.

Dragon tanks were used yesterday to crush a road through the snow for a bus service from Salisbury to the military camp at Tidworth which, like many small villages in the neighbouring counties, had been isolated for three days.

Most of the serious effects of the snowstorm have been experienced in Kent where scores of motor-cars have been caught in snow drifts and some cottages on the high lands have been almost buried.

Damage By Floods.
Most serious damage has been occasioned by floods, and the Canterbury Corporation has organised a service of small boats and carts for delivering food, fuel and mails to families marooned in streets submerged in two or three feet of water, owing to the overflowing of the river Stour.

All available halls have been requisitioned by an emergency committee for the accommodation of those whose homes have been rendered uninhabitable. The upper Medway River invaded Maidstone yesterday and the tramway and electric lighting services were suspended, owing to the generating station being flooded.

The position is now reported as improving.

The gale in the English Channel is still blowing with almost hurricane force and for the fourth day in succession, steamer services from Dover were cancelled to-day.

On the railways conditions have rapidly improved and the services on most of the lines are now normal.—British Wireless Service.

Gale Abating.

London, Yesterday.
While sunshine and freezing cold continue daily to visit Britain the severe gale in the Channel is abating. The steamer "Maid of Orleans" conveyed de Fleuriat and other storm-stricken travellers to Folkestone and brought back 1,180 passengers from England to Boulogne.

It is hoped that cross-Channel services will be restored on Saturday.

Polish Tragedy.

The Arctic conditions in Europe are strikingly illustrated by a message from Warsaw stating that large packs of wolves, maddened by cold and hunger, have killed many peasants on the eastern borderlands; the victims (including two women and four smugglers who had just crossed the border with contraband).

The Polish authorities have called out troops to exterminate the beasts.—Reuter.

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